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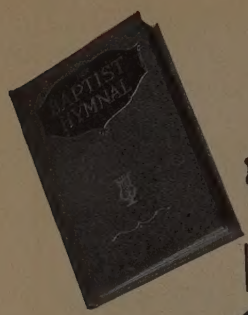

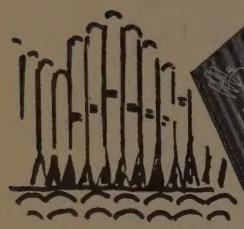

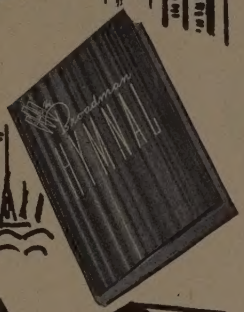

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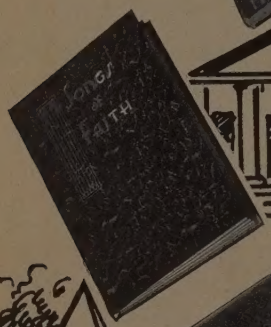

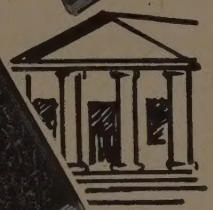

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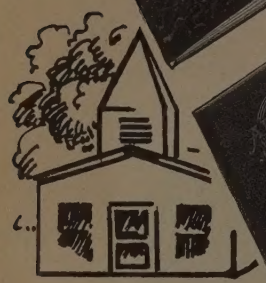

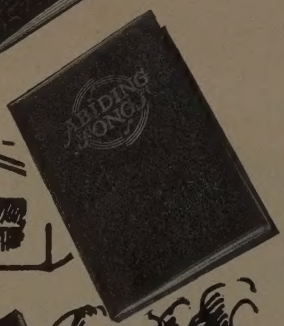

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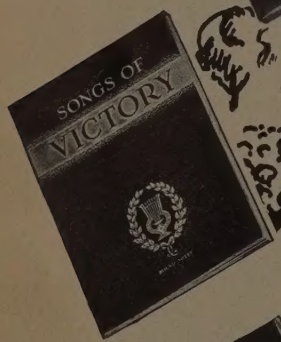

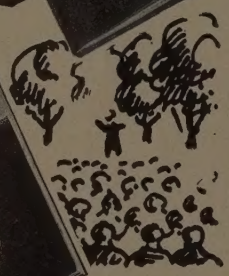

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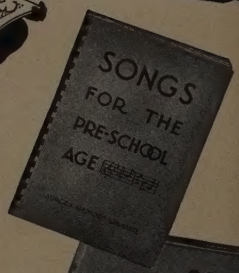

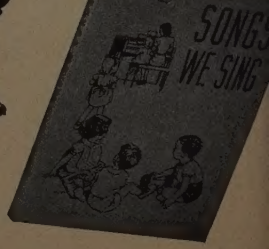

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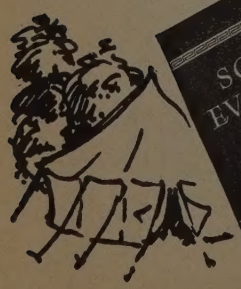

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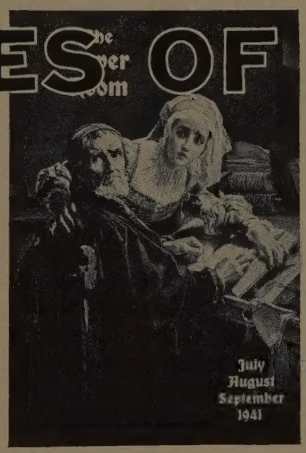

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Wealth and Wisdom

JEFF D. RAY

Financial prosperity is a fine thing for wise men but it is very dangerous for fools. Solomon was right when he said: "The prosperity of fools shall destroy them."

A man shows himself a fool when he thinks financial prosperity brings wisdom. Here is a man who has become suddenly rich, not through any business astuteness of his own but through some accidental streak of luck such as, for example the discovery of an oil well on his land. If he is a wise man this unexpected wealth sobers, humbles, ennobles him. If he is a fool it goes to his head and causes him to believe that he is the smartest man in the country and knows just how everything ought to be run, in religion, in business, in education, in politics.

The more ridiculous feature of it is that his associates seem to think the same thing and he is put on all boards and committees where intelligence is needed. Before he had his accidental wealth thrust upon him everybody realized that he knew nothing about education or missions or banking, but now every college in 500 miles of him wants him on its board of trustees: the bank wants him as a director: and the church wants him on its state mission board; and if the oil well is a real gusher it qualifies him even for the national foreign mission board. He struts around giving advice—almost orders—concerning matters he has never studied and, in fact, could not understand if he did. His opinions are so crude that ultimately his fellow members are conscience-bound to disregard him, whereupon he storms around for awhile and quits and begins to openly prophesy that the institution, whatever it may be, is headed straight for ruin's toboggan slide. At this point I am not recording what I have heard but what I have seen.

It is a tragedy that most people regard prosperity and money-getting as synonomous. Nothing is further from the truth. One of the most prosperous men I ever knew lived in a rented house and was never able to own an automobile. His prosperity consisted, for one thing, in the fact that he had brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" seven sons and daughters, and given to each a good education, and in his old age saw them all filling creditably important stations in church or state or business life, and devoting themselves to the task of high and holy homemaking for his more than a score of promising grandchildren.

About the most poverty-stricken man I ever saw owned $5,000,000. But his sons and daughters figured shamelessly in police courts and divorce courts. His wife had died of a broken heart and his children were so mean he could not live with any of them. He had a sumptuous apartment in the finest hotel in town but in everything that goes in to make life worthwhile he was a pauper. He had gained his gold but had lost his children.

There is a fine young man reading these lines who is in danger of making that same tragic mistake. He is so keen for making money that he is about to forget God and the group of children God has given him. My dear young man, there is danger ahead. You had better stop, look and listen. Money will not mean much if you lose the pickaninnies. Don't sacrifice the babies on the altar of Moloch. Don't crucify the kiddies on a cross of gold.

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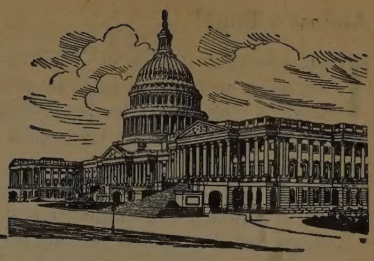

A SYMBOL OF AMERICAN BAPTIST UNITY IS VITAL AND POSSIBLE

LL of the Baptists of the United States, or at least 90 per cent of them, agree in theory, we believe, that cooperation among American Baptists in many lines of ristian endeavor not only is a "consummation devoutly be wished," but that it would be of untold value in rthering our general aims.

The only question is how to make this cooperation a ality.

Without any thought of organic unity, there is no adow of doubt that much work with which we are all accord could be accomplished far more effectively rough common action than through separate or disited action. In fact, much work that is not being done all now, might be performed through joint effort. nd this could be done without giving consideration to formal joining of denominational forces.

But the first step must be taken. How can this be complished? What concrete move can be made in this rection? What practical means can be found for bringg about such cooperation?

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST makes bold to suggest ich a step.

If the suggestion about to be offered could become reality it would serve in the minds of all the American eople as the SYMBOL of American Baptist unity.

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST *proposes that the outhern and Northern Baptist Conventions select one an as president of the two groups, alternating between e North and South.*

He would give the entire year travelling up and down e country and bringing better understanding and inspiraon to both groups. Along with the president, a group f vice presidents, or others, to be selected from the two onventions, would constitute a committee to consider nd recommend certain specific fields of joint activity, greeable to members of both Conventions.

Once the first step toward cooperation is taken—ther the one proposed above, or some other—it is almost certain that the inevitable benefits flowing therefrom, the spiritual gains to the individual units of the denomination and to the denomination as a whole, would lead to further efforts in the same direction, with increasingly beneficial results. All this can be done without any thought of unity beyond unity of joint Christian effort. Arm in arm we could march forward, Baptists South and Baptists North, to meet common foes of the church, to help solve many of the problems in this country and in the world which are threatening true Christianity and which we as Baptists believe should be solved. The closer we cooperate the better prepared will we be to accomplish this mission.

The world today has strong forces opposing the principles of Christianity: strong Christian forces are needed to meet them, if the truths and the beliefs for which we stand are to survive.

A SYMBOL and a committee such as that proposed above, consisting of a joint president of the Southern and the Northern Baptist Conventions and a dozen other leaders of the denomination, North and South, would constitute a sort of national council of Baptists to which many problems could be submitted for their joint consideration and study: problems many of which perhaps have never been presented to either of the Conventions separately, and which might never be acted on by either one alone. This committee might meet from time to time as occasion required to consider recommendations for action on some of the matters presented to it for its deliberation. To it might be delegated even a certain amount of authority, so that it could act as a sort of executive committee on noncontroversial matters between sessions of the two Conventions.

The important thing is to take some step, the sooner the better, which will lead to growing cooperation among all Baptists on matters where they can work together and for their common good.

LET'S provide a SYMBOL of American Baptist Unity. What do you say?

Almost a Rout!

THE Christian forces of America are disorganized in this grave moment to such an extent as to almost constitute a "rout." It is the inevitable result of failure on the part of Protestant leadership to plan together. It was evident five years ago that this country was headed toward its present crisis. Leadership of the Christian groups in America had ample time to prepare to meet the situation. But the clash of personalities and the craving for prestige and power dimmed the vision and scuttled a long-range, effective program. Some of the evidence of this disorganized state may be seen in the present controversy as to who or who shall not set up a program for the spiritual welfare of the men in our Army camps. It can be seen in the prolonged quibbling over organization for handling the chaplain problem. It can be seen in the recent National Christian Mission, which was an absolute failure in its effort to reach the masses. It can be seen in the bungling of the Myron C. Taylor appointment. It can be seen in the failure of some groups to cooperate in any sort of plan. The devastating and life-killing breath of this disorganized effort sweeps over our nation.

Here we are beset with the certainty of armed conflict. Here we are with capital and labor delaying needed defense. Here we are with the crooked politicians and grafters taking advantage of the crisis. Here we are with a growing race prejudice. Here we are with "revolution" crouched and ready. Here we are basking in luxury and greedily reaching out hands for more and more luxury. Here we are giving the largest profits to the dens of iniquity. Here we are drinking and amusing ourselves into insanity. Here we are flocking into our churches and listening in many cases to sermons that might well have never been preached. Here we are leaving the churches . . . back into our old sinful practices. Here we are with seventy million unchurched people, busying ourselves in types of evangelism which do not reach the masses. Here we are divided, antagonistic, prejudiced, jealous, sinners all. It would seem that Christian statesmanship has vanished. Surely we have the right to expect the Christian leadership of America—all of it—North and South, East and West—to organize a common front and save us from complete "rout."

This may seem to the optimistic mind an exaggeration. Frankly, it is one side of the picture. There are encouraging phases which have a rightful place in a total presentation but we leave these to be inventoried by the reader of THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST and we ask you to take this to heart and write us what should be done. We feel that any movement that will bring the miracle of a transformed Christian life must have its beginning in the hearts of the multitudes of humble men and women who know how to pray, and upon whom we must depend for action. This miracle must come from the "grass roots," not from the headquarters, no matter where they are located, of any official leaders who have failed to recognize the seriousness of the situation and who are primarily concerned about personal ambitions, and pet programs. Now that President Roosevelt has declared a state of emergency in defense matters will religious leadership declare a state of emergency in spiritual defense? If not, it will be further evidence of rout.

Interdenominational Friendship

A striking lesson in interdenominational friendsh was furnished recently in one of our larger cities. A Ba tist pastor, desiring to use unleavened bread at one of t Communion services of his church, called up a Jewi rabbi with whom he was well acqainted through the work together in certain common efforts, to inquire as where unleavened bread could be secured. The rab replied that he would be happy to furnish a supply f the occasion; and furthermore would be pleased wh that was exhausted to continue sending the unleaven bread as long as it was desired. This gracious offer the part of a prominent representative of one faith to a other was accepted in the spirit of friendship, of mutu recognition of the broad ties which unite all religious faitl all believers in the living God. In spite of the many diffe ences in our denominational observances, in the diverge roads over which we travel to the Kingdom above, there a many common meeting places along the way, many oas of delightful refreshment where the members of all fait may sit together as friends in pleasant places and s together, giving thanks to the same God whom all lo and worship. The more acts of thoughtful, kindly brothe hood we can perform to help and inspire those who lo up to the same Father, no matter how much their fai or creed may differ from ours, the greater will be our us fulness in spreading true Christianity and the knowled of the Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

War's Widespread Tragedy

Volumes would be required to depict, even partiall the horrors, the sad consequences of a war such as th which is raging throughout the world today. It wou never be possible to tell fully of the suffering and trage which it brings to individuals, and the irreparable loss which it inflicts upon innumerable groups of people a upon nations as a whole. Neither in words nor in pictur could the extent of these terrible disasters ever be p trayed. Only to a fractional degree can they be compr hended: the imagination would run riot in attempting follow them to the end in all their mournful meaning a their sorrowful significance. Among the manifold deva tating results of the war is the fact that millions of peo in parts of the world far removed from the scene of t conflict and from any direct part or participation there are made to suffer from its widespread influence and r percussions. Great as are the direct effects of the wa with many millions of people caught in the whirl of t mad maelstrom, there are a greater number of millio outside of the actual war zones who are indirectly affect and who are made to suffer in countless ways because the roar of guns and the grinding onrush of monster tan thousands of miles away. These far-scattered millions this land and in other lands free from war itself, neve theless suffer through the added burdens and the disloc tions which it has brought into their lives; through phy cal and economic hardships which it has forced up them; and above all through the mental and spiritu grief, the agony of mind and soul which have been bor in upon them through the indescribable horrors of t fighting. Fervent prayer for peace should be made, the fore, for men in all parts of the world; for there can be real peace until it reigns everywhere.

The Southern Baptist Convention

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA—MAY 14-18

By HENRY L. SWEINHART, Washington, D. C.

OTH in record-breaking attendance and in keen interest manifested by the messengers in all the proceedings of the gathering, the Southern Baptist Convention held at rmingham, Alabama, May 14 to 18, marked a milestone the history of such annual meetings. While there was le of an unusual or spectacular character at any of the sions, the Convention was characterized from beginning end by the quiet, devoted fervor with which the large diences that filled spacious Municipal Auditorium fol- wed all the programs. Not only was the auditorium itself ed at most of the sessions, but an overflow group sat on benches or under the trees in the City Park opposite ere by means of loud speakers they paid close attention all the proceedings of the Convention. The large exhibit a tent adjoining the Auditorium, of Sunday School oks and other literature and church material, was also owded during most of the hours of the day and evening. eports of progress in the work and growth of the de- mination were made by the various boards and agencies the Convention: and a considerable number of im- rtant resolutions and recommendations looking to ex- nsion of various activities were adopted. More than 00 delegates from the 18 states and the District of Co- mbia registered, so many that the supply of badges hich had been provided became exhausted before all ere supplied. Appropriately, in view of the 50th anni- rsary of the founding of the Sunday School Board at rmingham in 1891, the badges bore a picture of the gh-pillared Sunday School Board building at Nashville. right, beautiful weather added to the success of the onvention. Dr. W. W. Hamilton was re-elected presi- nt.

eace Study Approved

"Peace on Earth" on a large electric sign illuminated the ont of the Auditorium at night. One of the significant tions of the Convention was the adoption of a resolution oking to a study of the problems which will be involved the establishment of just and righteous peace when the y comes for the ultimate settlement of the world's dislo- tions. This proposal was incorporated in a resolution in- oduced by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, of Augusta, Georgia, de- ring that "never in history has there been greater need r divine guidance" than in the present world crisis, re- firming Baptist belief in the power of prayer and urging at the "membership of our churches and all Christian lievers be invited to pray at a given hour daily, both in blic and in private places, to the end that a just and ghteous peace may be speedily achieved." The peace udy portion of the resolution provided that "the officers this Convention constitute a committee which shall seek carry out the spirit of this resolution, to lend itself to the vancement of such Christian ideals as would lead to the tablishment and maintenance of a just and righteous peace." This proposition was advanced by Henry L. Sweinhart, associate editor of THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST, at a group meeting called by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, to discuss the vital question as to what could be done to help further the aims of a peace which would bring about a world agreement after the war that would be satisfactory and lasting. Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville; and Dr. Rupert T. Naney, of Oklahoma City, were appointed a subcommittee, with Mr. Sweinhart, to draft the resolution which was made a part of the Caudill resolution already approved by the resolutions committee.

War Condemned but England Praised

Declaring its "abhorrence of war and all its insanity and brutality" but expressing the conviction that "England's heroic resistance to the Axis powers is one of the great sagas of the human spirit," the Convention adopted, under suspension of the rules and without its reference to the resolutions committee, a resolution presented by Dr. Powhatan W. James, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This resolution, which was approved unanimously and without debate, while affirming that Southern Baptists "fully recognize and respect the inalienable right of conscientious objectors to hold and to voice contrary sentiments if they deem it wise to do so," made bitter attack upon those "men of evil mind and ungodly heart who at the present time have criminally conspired to impose their anti-social, anti-Christian and anti-human wills upon much of the world, and who with fiendish force have overrun Europe and threaten to gain the mastery over Asia and Africa." Asking whether "we shall have a vision of eternal values less clear than those of our early American fathers," the resolution asserted that some things which are worth living for "are worth defending even unto the death," among them being liberty under law, that sacred shrine called home, wives and children, the honor of one's country, and last but not least, freedom of worship. Declaring that "Baptists are a democratic people—none more so," the resolution went on to state that "it is nothing but natural, therefore, that our deepest sympathies should go out to those democracies of the world which have been crushed for the time being or now are sorely beset by ruthless powers which are committed to the overthrow of all democracies." It then expressed "thorough sympathy with the efforts being made by our nation to reinforce England in many ways as she fights not only for her own life." Further the resolution expressed the conviction that the United States should promptly cease supplying Japan with war materials for use against China: and it urged that all needed measures be taken to strengthen the defenses of the Western Hemisphere.

Religious Radio Program to Be Enlarged

As a result of the interest shown in the broadcasting of the Southern Baptist Hour and various local and state programs, it was decided by the Convention, on recommendation of the radio committee, of which Dr. S. F. Lowe, of Atlanta, is chairman, that the work be continued and expanded. The report expressed the view that "a territory-wide Baptist message every week by a strong radio speaker will unquestionably render our denomination and our generation unparalleled service." The report pointed out that most of the State Conventions now have an able and enthusiastic radio committee to promote the use of radio in the local communities within the states and to plan such broadcasts under the auspices of the Convention. Oklahoma and North Carolina, it was stated, are broadcasting messages every Sunday afternoon with wide coverage. The committee recommended the teaching of radio in the colleges and seminaries; a wider use of transcriptions and of the local station; and simultaneous broadcasts on Laymen's Day next October, with the cooperation of the Baptist Brotherhood. It recommended an increase in the appropriation for the radio program from $1,200 to an amount not exceeding $5,000.

Public Relations Committee Strengthened

Voting the public relations committee as a standing committee of the Convention, on the recommendation of E. Hilton Jackson, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the committee, in presenting its report, and increasing its authority in situations "demanding action on the part of the committee involving dealings or actions of the American government and other governments," permitting it to function as a representative of the Southern Baptists when so requested by existing boards or agencies of the Convention, has strengthened the committee in its position. By one of the recommendations adopted it was authorized to confer with conferences with like committees of other Baptists "where matters of common interest are involved." Further the committee was given freedom in such conferences "to join in the issuance of any pronouncement, petition or protest to any government whenever in its judgment the vital interests of the denomination are involved or threatened." The committee which is composed of the president of the Convention, the executive secretaries of the foreign and home mission, relief and annuity, and Sunday School boards, the chairman of the social service commission, and five members living in or near Washington, D. C., was relieved on its own recommendation of the work incident to strengthening the camp activities of the chaplains, which was transferred to the home mission board; and also of passing upon applications of Southern ministers for service as chaplains, which also was turned over to the home mission board.

Denominational Gains

With a grand total of 5,104,327 members at present, Southern Baptist registered a gain during the past year of 155,153, according to Dr. E. P. Alldredge, statistical secretary of the Sunday School Board. In only one point did gains made during the year fall below the record of 1939. This was in baptisms which numbered 245,500 against 269,155 in the preceding year. There was an increase o churches from 25,018 in 1939 to 25,259 in 1940. Tota contributions for all causes increased from $37,136,531 i 1939 to $40,359,038 in 1940, a gain of $3,222,507 for th year, the first time since 1928 that the $40,000,000 mar has been passed. This represents a per capita contributio of $7.91. There was an increase of 66,521 in Sunda School enrollments, from 3,523,853 to 3,590,374, with a increase in Sunday Schools of 468, from 23,754, to 24,22 The Woman's Missionary Union showed a net gain in o ganizations of 894 and in membership of 10,306, th present total membership being 758,151.

World Emergency Committee Continued

Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas, former presi dent of the Convention and of the Baptist World Alliance and chairman of the committee on Baptist Worl Emergency, called attention to the work done during th past year and then recommended that the committee b continued "to formulate plans for further cooperation o the part of Southern Baptists in seeking to minister to th needs of a war-torn world." This was approved, with a vot of confidence and appreciation, offered by Dr. W. O. Car ver, of Louisville, for the consecrated service performed b Dr. Truett and the members of his committee; and D Truett was renamed chairman of the committee. Follow ing his report he made an eloquent plea to the Conventio and to Southern Baptists to carry on in this emergenc assistance to the British and other foreign mission worker stranded in distant fields and in dire need of financial help He declared that the gifts of Southern Baptists last yea had been of the greatest service in helping to save man distressed British and other foreign and home missionarie Dr. Truett asserted that "we are facing one of the suprem emergencies in the history of the world." "It is a testin and revealing time," he stated, "and we are the trustees humanity." He expressed the belief that Southern Bap tists, with ample resources at their command, would fac the crisis "with whole-hearted cooperation." Pointing t the present-day crisis, he declared that "we must be b enough; we must be true enough; we must be faithf enough to see the need of the day; to out-think, to out-liv to out-die, if necessary, the pagan world around us."

San Antonio Selected for Next Year's Conventio

San Antonio, Texas, was selected as the place of meetin for the Convention next year, May 16 the opening dat The vote in favor of the Texas city, whose only competito was Kansas City, was almost unanimous. General sati faction was expressed over the choice, particularly in vie of the fact that San Antonio had been aiming for som years past to secure the Convention which had never me there. This will be the farthest west that the Conventio has ever been held.

Baptist Papers Make Gain

Substantial progress in the growth of Baptist paper with an increase in circulation during the past year more than 37,000, was shown in the report of Dr. Louie I Newton, of Atlanta, Georgia, chairman of the committe on increased circulation of State Baptist papers. The ai

to reach a goal of 500,000 by the time of the centennial nvention in 1945. Dr. Newton presented to the Convenon the chairmen and the editors of the State church papS, including THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST. Dr. E. C. outh, chairman of the general committee on State papers, eclared in his report that the "progress made during the ıst year has been gratifying."

unday School Board's Jubilee

With "Fifty Fruitful Years" as its motto, the Sunday hool Board celebrated the 50th anniversary of its foundg at the Birmingham Convention where it was organized 1891. At one of the Jubilee sessions on Thursday, May 5, a high-light in the Board's celebration was reached, hen 35 persons who had been present at the Convention hen the Sunday School Board was authorized were on the atform and presented individually to the audience of 000 which filled the Auditorium, by Dr. Hight C. Moore, cretary of the Convention and head of the editorial rvice of the Board. Not only the reports of the Board self but those of the home and foreign mission boards, of ıe Woman's Missionary Union and of other organizations evealed the remarkable growth of this agency and the ssistance which it had been to other bodies in their work. r. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the oard, in presenting its report declared that the Board was able to present the best report in its history," showing reeipts for 1940 of $2,322,329, an increase of $138,586 over ıe previous year; and that receipts for the first three onths of the current year were $610,102, a gain of 72,031 over the same period last year. The report called tention to the fact that the Board now publishes 79 eriodicals, including 54 for Sunday School, these publicaons having a circulation of 5,000,000. To move all of ıese publications at one time, it was added, would "require 75 railway mail cars well-loaded, which if placed end to ıd would reach a distance of more than two miles."

oreign Mission Work

Despite setbacks in some parts of the foreign mission eld, including the temporary withdrawal of Southern Bapst missionaries from Japan and the Japanese-occupied ortion of China, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, executive secreıry of the foreign mission board, reported to the Convenon that there were 18,542 baptisms in the foreign fields ıring the past year, the largest number ever to be reported one year with the exception of 1939 when it was slightly rger; "and this despite the terrible conditions of war in any of our principal mission fields." The Board now has 46 missionaries and 2,957 native workers, with 454 schools ıd colleges of all grades. In these fields there are 2,023 ıurches with a membership of 251,734. The financial reort for the year was encouraging, showing receipts of 1,326,862, an increase over 1939 of $247,277. In addion he announced that the banks have reduced the interest te on the debt, now standing at $214,000, from four to ıree and a half per cent. The Lottie Moon offerings for ecember reached an all-time high, with a total of $360,000 to April 1, nearly $30,000 more than the year before. r. Maddry expects to visit the Hawaiian Islands in June make a survey of the situation there, where many of the issionaries returned from Japan and China have taken work among the Chinese and Japanese.

President's Address

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Convention and also president of the Baptist Bible Institute, at New Orleans, in his address at the opening of the Convention called attention to the future responsibilities of Baptists in meeting world problems, declaring that "peace will come and with it another of those pregnant opportunities which follow great world changes and upheavals." "We must then," he added, "not only faithfully and fearlessly meet our own present duty but we must prepare the way for our children who will bear the responsibilities of the new world, and its possibilities." He declared that in order to do this, Baptists must be true to the faith handed down to us at such cost, both divine and human; must endeavor to make sure that our Baptist people are not merely giving mental assent to doctrines which we hold; and must face the future and remember that "we are Christ's witnesses which involves faithfulness." He asserted that "we must lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes, and realize that the whole world is our field."

Relief and Annuity Board Report

The Relief and Annuity Board has no debts; its assets are $5,149,663, its income last year $1,005,024 and its expenditures $593,765, as shown by the report to the Convention by Dr. Thomas J. Watts, of Dallas, Texas, executive secretary of the board. Annuity benefits paid during 1940 were $314,895, with relief benefits to ministers and widows of $100,205. All of the 18 states comprising the Southern Convention have inaugurated the ministers retirement plan, he reported; and the District of Columbia expects to inaugurate the plan this year.

Debt Liquidation

"We are getting out of debt. We are $600,000 better off than we were at this time last year. But we need to speed up. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club offers a plan by which all can help," declared Dr. J. E. Dillard, of Nashville, director of promotion, in an address to the Convention on "Let Us Go On." He stated that Southern Baptists should go on in grateful appreciation, in Christian experience, in Christian service and in debt liquidation. He pointed out that "we have Southwide assets of $25,000,000 and our Southwide debt is only $2,500,000. We just must go on so as to have a debtless denomination by 1945."

Task of Home Mission Board

The Home Mission Board is endeavoring to meet the challenge of the forces of destruction now raging in the world "by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the supreme and superlative need of the world today," declared Dr. J. B. Lawrence, of Atlanta, Georgia, executive secretary of the board, in presenting its report to the Convention. He asserted that the present war is "not primarily a war for territory, but a clash of ideologies;" and that the new order which the Axis powers would establish "is a racial order in which nobody but the German people would be able to live with freedom or self-respect, and millions not at all." But there are also insidious workings of evil within our social order, he added; and "already the following forces of destruction are working silently within our

ranks to undermine the foundations of our peace: materialism, the destroyer of spiritual values; atheism, the destroyer of faith; racialism, the destroyer of brotherhood; fear, the destroyer of peace; liberalism, the destroyer of sacred traditions; lawlessness, the destroyer of civic order; and paganism, the destroyer of Christianity." He reported that the board now has 391 missionaries, with 915 mission stations and 71 new mission stations opened. Receipts during the year totalled $560,168, with $181,130 paid on principal of the debt; and the debt refinanced with a saving of $45,000 in interest annually.

Christian Spirit Toward Negroes Urged

The social service commission in its report presented to the Convention by Dr. A. J. Barton, chairman, included a resolution which was adopted providing that the Convention "urge upon its pastors and churches and upon all our Baptist people to cultivate and maintain the finest Christian spirit and attitude toward the negro race, and do everything possible for the welfare of the race, both economic and religious." Dr. Ryland Knight, of Atlanta, chairman of the commiteee on negro ministerial education, announced that this year for the first time the joint committee of which it is a part had representatives appointed by all four of the cooperating conventions, the Northern and Southern, the National Baptist Convention of America and the National Baptist Convention, Inc. He asserted that the work being done at the American Baptist Theological Seminary, at Nashville, is the "crown of the work our committee is trying to do" to aid the negro. He recommended the continuance of the committee, which was approved. Rev. J. M. Nabrit, president of the Seminary, declared that "the finest dollar you can invest is for the training of negro preachers."

Church Music and Worship

Demand for a "more vital, beautiful, dynamic and commanding worship in Baptist churches" is being widely manifest, declared Dr. J. M. Dawson, of Waco, Texas, chairman of the committee on church music and worship. In his report he raised questions as to what was responsible for the present situation "when only about one-fourth of their churches' membership are regular in attendance upon the worship services of the church," adding that it would seem as if a sound and scriptural pattern of true worship calls for three elements—adoration, communion and dedication. He stated that "both pastor and people must make the best possible preparation." As music occupies from a half to a third of church exercises, the committee recommended that special study be given to this portion of the program and that a committee be appointed to be known as the Southern Baptist Hymnal Committee to "take under advisement the creation of a proposed new hymnal and report a year hence."

Centenary Convention in 1945 in Augusta

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention will be celebrated in Augusta, Georgia, where its first meeting was held in 1845. This city was selected for the 1945 sessions; and a resolution adopted looking to cooperative efforts to make it a significant and a historic occasion.

Baptist Historic Records

Many valuable Baptist historic records are being lost irrevocably, declared Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in his report as chairman of the committee on preservation of Baptist history. He called upon Baptist officials and others in the various states to help save all such valuable material. Much help could be given in this direction, he pointed out, through joining the historical society which is making efforts to collate and preserve all material of real historic interest and value to Baptists. He announced that during the past year, through the cooperation of the Texas Historic Society, a beginnning has been made in micro-filming material; and he expressed the opinion that "all files of our denominational papers ultimately should be preserved in films."

Southern California Group Seek Admission

A memorial presented to the Convention on behalf of 19 Baptist churches in southern California seeking admission to the Southern Baptist Convention, was referred to a special committee which recommended that "the committee be allowed to consider its consideration for another year and present a final report to the Convention," which was approved. The memorial was presented by Rev. R. W. Lackey, of Bakersfield, California, secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention of California.

Baptist Daily in Washington Proposed

The establishment of a Baptist daily newspaper in Washington, D. C., was proposed to the Convention in a resolution presented by E. Hilton Jackson, of Washington chairman of the committee on public relations. The resolution which was adopted unanimously recommended the appointment by the President of the Convention of a committee to consider the question and to report its recommendations to the next meeting of the Convention President Hamilton named a committee composed of Dr Theodore F. Adams, Virginia; Dr. L. L. Gwaltney, Alabama; Dr. J. C. Wilkinson, Georgia; Dr. J. Norris Palmer Louisiana; Dr. Joseph T. Watts, Maryland; Dr. J. W Stover, Oklahoma; and Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Texas.

"There are things which are worse than war—slavery is worse; submission is worse; tyranny is worse; dishonor is worse; and the hope of the world is in the continued existence of something which gunfire cannot disperse, or destroy, which tanks cannot crush, which bombs cannot blast into rubble—and that is the splendor of the human spirit."—Judge E. J. Millington, in his presidential address at the Northern Baptist Convention.

The Northern Baptist Convention

WICHITA, KANSAS—MAY 20-25

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T was a good Convention, a large Convention, and one which in several respects produced unexpected results. The total registration was above 4,400, exceeding by re than a thousand the record made in Atlantic City t year. The greatest promotional project that Baptists ve undertaken since the Judson Fund was raised by the reign Society, was presented and approved with a spirit at warrants expectation of complete success.

The resolutions adopted reflect that movement away m the extreme pacifist position which has been rather ident recently. The first draft submitted by the comittee was revised when the report came up for adoption, d the form in which the section on international reions was finally adopted follows:

International Relations

HEREAS, We are saddened by the plight of the warring and captive tions and the suffering of the innocent peoples; and

HEREAS, We as Baptists champion the democratic principle includ- the rule of the majority; and

HEREAS, The nation, within a few months, has instructed its osen leaders to give the democracies "all aid short of war"; therere, be it

solved, That we disapprove of totalitarianism and express our cere sympathy with democratic peoples in their struggle against ranny and

HEREAS, We as Christians believe that the spiritual forces resident Almighty God have outlasted and will continue to outlast the e and fall of empires; therefore, be it

solved, That we renounce war as a means of settling international fficulties; and

solved, That we express to the President of the United States r appreciation of his repeated efforts to keep the nation from med participation in foreign wars, while giving great aid to the mocracies; and

solved, That we urge our people to seek the guidance of God for emselves and for their nation in these days of crises, so that no steria and no propaganda shall sway us from the path of sobriety, uth and righteousness; and

solved, That we urge our people to maintain, by the help of God, e spirit of forgiveness toward all our enemies, so that when war all cease our nation may be assisted to deal constructively with e issues of peace; believing that the principles and spirit of Jesus rm the foundation on which any just and lasting peace must st; and that we seek the guidance of God in finding the practical plications of our faith for a world society; and that we cooperate ith other religious bodies in studying various proposals for a just nd enduring peace;

solved, That we ask the Government of the United States to nsider plans assuring the distribution of food to starving people w suffering as a result of military invasion, occupation or war, ch distribution to be safeguarded from occasioning military loss r benefit to either side.

Elliott Is President

A Kansan who has been pastor of the same church or over thirty years, Dr. W. A. Elliott, of Ottawa, was lected president; first vice-president, Gov. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota; second vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Wigginton, of Pennsylvania; treasurer, Harold J. Manson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; recording secretary, Clarence M. Gallup, of New York; corresponding secretary, Joseph C. Hazen, of New Jersey.

Denver was selected as the place of meeting for 1943 and the rules will be suspended to make possible this third Convention in Colorado since 1929; Cleveland will have the 1942 Convention.

Sunday of Sacrifice

In order to give full play to the Christian impulses of Northern Baptists in this time of unprecedented suffering, the World Emergency Fund is now presented to the denomination as an "over and above" contribution to meet the needs of the hour. In giving the project this form the Finance Committee accepted the judgment of the promotional agents who are confident that the constituency will raise in full both the regular Unified Budget and the World Emergency Fund.

Our financial goal is expressed in these terms: Unified Budget, $2,500,000, the same as last year; World Emergency Fund, $600,000, to be raised by obtaining gifts over and above all regularly pledged donations to the local church and missionary budgets. World Relief is scheduled for the largest share in the division of this fund. It is also proposed to allocate $100,000 for the ministry to service men in military areas; $100,000 for emergencies on foreign fields; $40,000 for aged ministers and missionaries, and $100,000 will be reserved for use where most needed. To aid distressed Baptist schools and colleges, $100,000 is earmarked.

The suffering in China, which is beyond anything in recorded history, and the miseries of whole populations in conquered countries of Europe have stirred the hearts of our people, as their response to the World Relief appeal shows. Our own missionaries who have remained in service on fields of war and such Christian agencies as the Friends Service Committee and the Church Committee for China Relief have administered the relief money and will continue to do so.

Our churches have a tremendous opportunity to serve the men in the military camps. Nobody knows how long we shall have such camps for the possibility of war continuing for years must be faced. Irreconcilable concepts of life are in a death struggle and we can do nothing better for the world at this time than to prove our Christianity through such activities as the Emergency Fund will help to support.

We hope to raise the whole fund of $600,000 in six months—by the end of the calendar year 1941. With this thought in mind it is proposed to observe December 7 as a SUNDAY OF SACRIFICE, a day on which our people will be asked to give as generously as they possibly can to the Emergency Fund. This should be the climax of the effort and if our people are fully informed it will be possible on that single day to raise any amount that may be required to complete the fund. However, "want

will not wait," and all churches are urged to begin sending in contributions for the Emergency Fund at once.

Separate and special envelopes will be provided to receive offerings intended for the Emergency Fund. The spirit and purpose of the movement to be implemented by this fund are expressed in words which constitute at once a theme and a slogan:

I SERVE THROUGH MY CHURCH!

A Good Year

The Council on Finance and Promotion reported that in the year which ended April 30, 1941, for the first time in the entire history of the Northern Baptist Convention, the total contributions received were in excess of the estimated contributions as set forth in the budget presented at the commencement of the year.

Credit is due to the Council on Finance and Promotion and each and all of the State and City Promotional Units for the work which has been done. Special recognition should be given to the twenty-one states and eight cities in which the contributions of undesignated money were in excess of their allotment line.

The New Budget

The budget was presented in two parts:
Part I includes:

(a) Undesignated Primary,	$1,865,000
(b) Designated,	$635,000
Non-Donation Receipts,	$1,496,055
The total,	$3,996,055

The total of donation receipts, however, stands at $2,500,000 (the same as last year), plus Part II, the Emergency Budget of $600,000 for the following items:

To Service Men ($100,000)
Alleviation of Human Need ($200,000)
World Needs Across the Seas ($100,000)
Unforeseen Emergencies ($100,000)
To Meet Critical Conditions in Schools and Colleges ($100,000)

Gifts to the Emergency Budget will be "over and above" all donations to local church and missionary budgets.

President Millington

President E. J. Millington gave an impressive presidential message. "This has been a turbulent and difficult year," he said. He then went on to point out, in detail, the horror of war, the destruction, and the creation of many pressing issues.

"Most seriously," he said, "there is the constant threat to Christian civilization; to the way of life which has been painfully attained through centuries of sacrifice and struggles."

Mr. Millington said that the ultimate splendor of the human spirit is that invulnerable determination to do right, whatever the cost.

"It is inconceivable that free men and women will hesitate when they are confronted with the choice between honor and dishonor, between courage and cowardice, between resistance and submission, between freedom and slavery," he declared.

Youth Fellowship

The Baptist Youth Fellowship is the result of several years' work on the part of the Council on Christian Education. Concerning it, Edwin Phelps, general secretary of the B. Y. P. U., said:

"Operating under the Council on Christian Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, this proposed Baptist Youth Fellowship has the prospect of accomplishing three vital goals. First, providing the denomination with an all-inclusive, continent-wide youth fellowship designed to relate youth more effectively to the denomination's share in converting the kingdoms of this world into the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Second, seeing that all existing youth organizations continue to receive the aid and counsel which will be needed so greatly by them if they maintain their enriching contributions to the lives of youth. Third, enlisting and assisting these youth groups to discover the greater possibilities of service to be found in unifying and promoting their programs in the interests of all of the youth of the church and the denomination."

Social Progress

One of the big affairs of the Convention was the annual Christian Progress Dinner held Tuesday evening in the Rose Room of the Auditorium. A refugee menu was served. The tickets cost 20 cents. Almost $700 was raised for relief work. Past president of the Northern Baptist Convention, Dr. Elmer A. Fridell, spoke on the theme, "After the Wars—What?"

Students and Religion

Professor J. R. Branton declared that "there is a greater interest in religion among college students than at any time in the twenty years that I have been associated with student life. However he had words of caution:

"One of the ideals of our denomination is that of evangelism and there is certainly a need for this among students. However as some of us have learned, there are techniques of evangelism that are very ineffective with students and others that win a response. The student program ought to have a place for an effective presentation of the claims of Christ on the lives of students. The method found to be effective among students is the sharing of convictions and experiences that have meaning to the speaker. Students will listen eagerly and responsively to a very honest and straightforward presentation of themes such as: 'What Jesus Means to Me,' 'What Faith in God Means to Me,' 'What the Bible Means to Me,' and kindred topics. Not only will the student listen, but if he feels the straightforward honesty of the sharing person, he will come again and again for conferences until he too is satisfied."

Public Relations

Dr. R. W. Weaver, Washington, D. C., secretary of the Committee on Public Relations, proposed that this committee be strengthened and its powers increased.

"The past four years have demonstrated, beyond any question, the value and the necessity for the Committee on Public Relations. Those who stand for religious liberty and the separation of Church and State are required to be watchful and at no time to be more vigilant than now," Dr. Weaver said. The printed report has been revised in order to harmonize with recent action taken by the Southern Baptists—to make the official statements identical.

ptists and Disciples

In the report of the Committee on Relations with ner Religious Bodies, presented on Thursday morning, was suggested that the Baptists and Disciples meet for rposes of conference, that the present cooperation in al projects be encouraged, and that the joint hymnal, be published soon, be adopted by the churches of both nominations.

terest in Missions

Apparent throughout the Convention was a high degree interest in missions, both home and foreign. The exotional arrangements in the Exhibit Hall had something do with this, for there was plenty of room for the ssionaries in attendance and there were comfortable ats for visitors. The addition of Kagawa to the Sunday ogram helped to bring out an audience that simply cked the Wichita Forum. It was a great delegation om Japan that appeared—Kagawa, Soichi Saito, and illiam Axling. The Indian students from Bacone (their e club came by bus from Oklahoma) made a most vorable impression and gave many visitors a new idea the value of our Indian work.

own Meetings

Dr. Bernard C. Clausen of Pittsburgh put pep into the own Meeting sessions of the Convention. His sense of mor helped.

The most exciting part of the hour-and-a-half program as not the formal, prepared addresses, but the give and ke, the question and answer period, which closed each ssion. The Town Meetings were made most practical linking them directly to various societies and departents of the denominations.

raternal Delegates

There is always much interest in the presentation of aternal delegates from other religious bodies. This year e official visitors were Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. A. Shullenerger, president of the Disciples of Christ, and Dr. Samuel I. Cavert, general executive secretary of the Federal ouncil of Churches of Christ in America. Dr. W. A. hullenberger said that Disciples and Baptists during the st year have been singing together; now they are begining to think together. "We have found ourselves to be ery much alike," he said. Applause greeted his remarks hat the churches must work together. The United Chrisian Church is only strong enough to meet the challenge resented by the present world situation.

Closing the Open Door

Dr. A. C. Thomas of Fall River spoke Tuesday afternoon on a question of burning interest to the missionary ocieties with work in the Orient. Significant passages rom his address:

"The act of aggression is the cause of the dilemma. It is the orce that is trying to slam the door. Christians cannot agree as o the method of withstanding that force. Some would say it must e opposed only by spiritual force. Others would say it must be opposed by physical force; it can understand nothing else. Force itself is un-moral. The morality of its use depends upon the purposes for which it is used.

"This opens the way for an argumentative defense of present day aggressors. Intelligent defenders of aggression insist that they are using force in order to prepare the way for something still better for humanity, something better than freedom of thought, religion or worship. It is a system wherein decisions are made by a few skilled and highly trained leaders and these decisions will establish a "New Order." Therefore, if something better is intended, force is justified.

"Our answer to this challenge goes back to our first premise. There can be no real religion and worship of God without entire spontaneity. We Baptists can never admit that this third stage of this new world order can be desirable. It can never be justly enforced. The open door for our kind of gospel depends on the freedom of human minds and souls."

For These Times

Dr. E. T. Dahlberg, Syracuse, spoke on the theme: "A Ministry for These Times." Sections of it:

It is easy to overwork the phrase, "for these times." In spite of the present uproar and confusion among the nations of the earth, I am not sure that as preachers to this generation we face a world one whit more baffling than that which our fathers faced.

While reading recently the biography of Francis Wayland, the incomparable Baptist preacher and educator of Rhode Island, I was impressed with the fact that practically every religious and international problem worrying us today was a worry also to Christians then.

For instance, what world issue of our time is more crucial than that of stopping Adolf Hitler? Yet when Wayland was a student in Dutchess County Academy in 1810, the entire student body was in a furor of debate and division over the question: "If Napoleon Bonaparte should conquer England, could he conquer America?" How completely these debaters would have felt at home in our day!

Dr. Lewis Speaks

Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who had just returned from a trip to Europe in which he visited several countries of the continent including unoccupied France, Switzerland, Spain, and Portugal where he conferred with Baptist leaders, addressed the Convention on conditions as he found them there. He stated that there are between 60,000 and 80,000 persons in concentration camps of France who are not prisoners of war and said, "We cannot allow other churches to care for these Christians. We must strive with all means at our disposal to keep alive the gospel in Europe." The Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Lewis stated, includes 13,000 members throughout the world.

A letter from Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London was read by Dr. Hight C. Moore, president of the Baptist World Alliance. He said, "As a British Baptist I write from the heart and center of the titanic struggle. We have learned in a stern school that 'a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth.' From sufferings and death we naturally shrink yet we understand now that there are menaces far more terrible. Fundamentally the conflict belongs to the realm of ideas. It involves a challenge to convictions and to values which they have cherished—the infinite and eternal worth of the human soul, the right of all men of all nations to civil and religious freedom."

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Common Objectives of Southern and Northern Baptists

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Fourth in a series under the general title: "What Principles Demand Unity of Action Among Baptists?"

BAPTISTS in the South and in the North, all being members of one common family, can have only common objectives. There may be variations . emphasis and in method, but the ends ought are identical. There are at least ree obvious reasons for this; both serve e same Lord and Master, and have reeived their inspiration and instructions rom the same Source; during the formave years of Baptist denominational life 1814-1845) they were united for a full eneration in one body; and, in the last nalysis, they are the same sort of folk.

I

The first "common objective" to be nentioned is Evangelism. Both North nd South have with the progress of time een influenced by the general trends within American Protestantism. Both ections have gone through the same tages of pioneer preacher, home misionary, camp meetings, protracted meetngs, mass evangelism, exchange of pasors, and educational evangelism. The ime element may have varied, but the drift has been similar. The proclamaion of the gospel message for acceptation as always been a primary objective with ach period. The local church has always been recognized as the spearhead, ut other supporting agencies have been narshaled to reinforce it. The Southrn Convention has an aggressive Deartment of Evangelism under the Home Mission Board. In 1940 at least three of the states had special evangelistic directors on their staffs. The Handbook for 1940 reports 152 churches, each of which has baptized more than 100 during the year. During twelve of the last twenty-two years Southern Baptist ministers have baptized 200,000 or over each year; the figure for 1939 being 269,155, or one for every 18.4 church members. The State of Texas claims the largest Baptist population in either Convention, namely 730,767, while the State of Georgia boasts "one out of every three persons of all ages and races is a Baptist." The evangelistic work in both the North and the South would be more impressive still if the activities of the churches of the two National Baptist Conventions were included.

In the Northern Convention the approach is slightly different. Evangelism is recognized as a primary obligation of the two Convention-wide Home Mission Societies, and a co-equal obligation of the American Baptist Publication Society. All of the State Conventions were organized as evangelistic agencies. The American Baptist Home Mission Society has a Department of Evangelism which operates in and through all of the thirty-eight state convention areas. The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society closely cooperates through its work for women and children in City Mission Societies and in Christian Community Centers. The Publication Society has always devoted itself to evangelism through its colporteurs, Bible distribution, chapel cars, auto chapels, and the issuing of tracts and pamphlets. In the reorganization of 1934 a Council on World Evangelism was set up to coordinate the work of these various agencies. But when all is said, it is now as it always has been, the local pastor who is the most effective evangelist.

II

A natural outcome of Evangelism is the organization of local churches. This started for the Baptists in the Colony of Rhode Island, but spread rapidly. Asplund's Almanac showed that Virginia contained the largest number of Baptists of any of the states in 1790, having 20,439 members and 210 churches. The figures of the Census of Religious Bodies for 1926 will arouse less debate than those for 1936, and so will be quoted. In that year there were reported 23,374 local Baptist churches in the Southern Convention with an average membership of 151, as against 7,611 local churches with an average membership of 169 in the Northern Convention. The custom of maintaining "quarter time" and "half time" churches is more prevalent in the South than in the North. The result is a larger number of churches, a smaller average membership, and a larger gross membership. In both the North and the South the local church is recognized as the ultimate in church polity. It can be freely admitted that all other ecclesiastical organizations are extra-Biblical. This was a matter that once aroused grave concern and suspicion within our denominational body. But as projects too large to be undertaken by any individual church presented themselves, the value—in fact, the necessity—of cooperative action by a number of churches became apparent. Thus associations of local churches for various Kingdom enterprises came into being. The incalculable amount of good that has been accomplished by such concerted action is sufficient justification for the steps that have been taken.

III

A case in point is the "common objective" of Foreign Missions. In so few instances would any single church have been able to supervise or finance a properly equipped missionary station, and furthermore, if it could have been conducted as a single church enterprise, so many members of smaller churches would have been deprived of the privilege of participation, that larger organizations at once became necessary. This has become the common practice of all major denominations. It is an interesting fact to remember that the appeal in 1814 of Adoniram Judson and his wife for missionary support was the spark that first brought the Baptists of the United States to denominational consciousness. Previous to that there had been only local churches, educational societies, and state conventions. But it was recognized without argument that the support of missionaries in Burma and other foreign fields was a project that demanded united effort. The call went out, and representatives of Baptists in the South and in the North gathered in Philadelphia to discuss the appeal. The result was the organization of the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions. Recent events have led in certain areas to a resumption of the earlier common objective. The foreign mission agencies of the North and the South were led to join forces again in prosecuting the educational program of the University of Shanghai, and, more recently, the newly enacted religious laws of Japan, have enforced a *reproachment* in that nation. If current tendencies continue, it may be that in the not-too-distant future, the two Conventions will find themselves working side by side, and cooperatively, in mission work in Central and South America. The Southern Convention has long been established in South America and has laid foundations for a work that might be vigorously expanded.

IV

It is not possible to describe in detail the collective efforts of Baptist South and North along with other Protestants in

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NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

INTER - CHURCH HOLY WEEK SERVICES were held in the municipal building, Parsons, Kansas, with Dr. C. W. Kemper of Denver as the preacher. The daily average attendance was more than 1,500. Dr. Kemper also spoke at noon meetings in the different churches using the seven words of Christ on the cross.

DR. CHARLES W. KOLLER, PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY, will be the speaker at a Bible conference in the Lake Harriet Baptist Church, Minneapolis, June 15-22.

A REPORTER IN THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY states that in Florida there is "a steady growth of nondenominational tabernacles, Holy Rollers and Holiness groups," and that these groups are growing faster than Baptists and Methodists who usually thrive in the South.

"WINGS OVER JORDAN," the popular Sunday morning program of the Columbia Broadcasting Company, originated and is directed by Rev. Glenn T. Settle, Negro Baptist pastor in Cleveland, Ohio. It is in the interest of the American Negro and may be partly responsible for the increased interest in Negro work. The National Youth Administration program for Negro youth has secured Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, nationally known Negro educator, for full-time work. She resigned as president of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida. Over in North Carolina there is renewed interest in Negro public school teachers' salaries and standards.

ONE OF NORTHERN BAPTISTS' CHAPEL CARS is under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Parry of Colorado. Chapel Car Immanuel was stationed at Del Norte, Colorado, for about two years, where a $2,000 chapel has been erected. Rev. Parry has now moved the chapel car to Lakewood, west of Denver.

AMONG THE CHURCHES WHICH FOUND IT NECESSARY to have two services Easter morning to accommodate the worshippers were the First, Long Beach, California, Rev. Winfield Edson, pastor, and the First Church, Grand Island, Nebraska, Rev. F. L. Gilson, pastor.

THE STATE OF NEW YORK HAS SECURED DR. J. HILLIS MILLER, president of Keuka College, as associate commissioner in charge of the fields of higher and professional education.

DR. EZRA G. ROTH, PASTOR OF THE FIRST CHURCH, MOUNT MORRIS, Michigan, and president of the state convention, has accepted the call to become executive secretary and director of promotion for Wisconsin Baptists.

THE FIRST CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY, has secured as pastor Rev. Arthur F. Williams who had been pastor of the Park Avenue Church, Binghamton, New York.

THE NORTH SHORE CHURCH, CHICAGO, has secured Dr. A. A. Shaw, formerly president of Dennison University, as interim pastor.

YEARS AGO MR. AND MRS. BOTTOMS OF ARKANSAS established with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Convention a Trust Fund. The earnings of the Fund the past year amounted to $46,473.51. Secretary J. B. Lawrence has announced that the money will be used to erect mission buildings in Cuba, radio broadcasts and school work on the island, and other mission work in the South.

MRS. CHARLOTTE CARR WAS THE MAIN SPEAKER at the recent fourth annual Conference of the Mountains and Plains, held in Denver. Other speakers were Ben M. Cherrington, Ivan Assay, James F. Green, Charles Hogan, Clarence W. Kemper, Harvey Solberg, William Tanner, Charles Mulford, and Mildred J. Wiese. This conference is devoted to adult educational work.

ROMAN CATHOLICS CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS in securing state funds for their parochial school work. Oregon has now provided that they shall be entitled to free textbooks in their elementary schools. When will Protestants wake up?

THE ATLANTA (GEORGIA) CHRISTIAN COUNCIL sponsored evangelistic services in more than 200 churches of the city in connection with the Easter observances.

THE ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS, WITH MORE THAN 1000 PUBLICATIONS and over 13,000,000 subscribers held its annual meeting in Boston. Dr. L. O. Hartman of *Zion's Herald* was elected president to succeed Dr. Guy E. Shipler of the *Churchman*.

ON THE SAN JACINTO BATTLEFIELD, where in 1836 General Sam Houston and his 800 Texas patriots routed a large Mexican army, a large group of Americans and Mexicans met the other Sunday in Christian fellowship while Rev. Lloyd Corder, missionary of the Home Mission Board, baptized a large number of Mexicans.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE THAT THE B.Y.P.U. OF A. will not hold its annual convention in Chicago this summer, because they are presenting the fiftieth anniversary pageant at the Northern Convention meeting in Wichita, Kansas, May 24.

EIGHTY-SIX MORMON MISSIONARIES, serving in Samoa, New Zealand, and Australia, have been recalled and will do missionary work in the United States.

THE MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE announces that soon it will have completed a new radio transmitter W75C. It will be 50,000 watts and serve a very large territory.

GOOD FRIDAY is becoming a national holiday. The Indiana Legislature is the thirteenth to pass a bill designated it as such.

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION has announced that Miss Elsie Clor, missionary in Jerusalem, has returned to the States on furlough. Miss Clor is a member of the First Baptist Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

EIGHT MISSIONARIES OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION recently sailed for Nigeria, including new and return missionaries. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brothers, Missess Elma Elam and Isabella Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, Dr. and Mrs. O'Neal and little daughter Anne. Thirty-four other missionaries have been appointed to work in Latin America and Europe.

DR. JOHN BAILLIE, FORMERLY OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, New York, and now professor of divinity in Edinburgh University, is in the United States lecturing on "The Moral Issues of the War" and other related subjects.

THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY REPORTS THAT REFUGEE GERMAN PASTORS in England are issuing a monthly circular called "Christian Fellowship in Wartime." It is sponsored by the Church of England Committee for Non-Aryan Christians. Dr. Shillito in the same issue tells the story of the beginning of the teaching of religious subjects in the public schools of England.

DR. W. W. MELTON, PASTOR OF THE SEVENTH AND JAMES ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, WACO, TEXAS, has been elected executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, succeeding Dr. R. C. Campbell, who has reentered the pastorate.

U.S.O. STANDS FOR UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATION. It is a work in which the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Jewish Welfare Board, National Catholic Community Service, Salvation Army, and Travelers' Aid Association have united. Nearly a thousand of their representatives met recently in Washington, D. C., to hear the Government explain the plan of work in the present national emergency. A nation-wide campaign to raise ten million dollars for the first year's work has been launched.

DR. BERNARD CLAUSEN OF PITTSBURGH claims the honor of conducting the first Easter sunrise service from an airplane. Dr. Clausen, a choir of twelve, with an altar and organ, broadcasted the service from a transport plane two miles above Pittsburgh.

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE HAS DEDICATED its new Administration and Science Building, located on the site of the historic "Old Dorm" which burned last year.

THE MIDWEST PASTORS' EVANGELISTIC NFERENCE will be held at the Northern ptist Seminary, Chicago, May 27-29, der the general direction of Dr. Walter Woodbury, director of evangelism for rthern Baptists. A group of talented nisters and executives has been secured this conference.

MISS MURIEL LESTER OF LONDON, who been lecturing in this country under auspices of the Fellowship of Recon- ation, has sailed for a lecture tour of uth America.

DR. EARL SMITH, EXECUTIVE SECRE- RY OF THE BAY CITIES BAPTIST UNION, lifornia, has been appointed to the ard of managers of the state prisons Governor Olsen. And Kenyon J. udder of "the famous India missionary nily" has been appointed warden of e Southern California prison.

THE SEVEN GLORIOUS SUNDAYS CAM- IGN IN NEBRASKA leading up to Easter s successful in reaching large numbers people. Many churches reported "full uses" and a large increase in baptisms.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FRIENDS of New York state devoted arge part of the discussions to problems lated to feeding the hungry in war areas d the various aspects of conscientious jectors.

THE 26 AGENCIES OF THE LUTHERAN ELFARE COUNCIL of New York City ent over a million dollars last year in work. The institutions included five ildren's homes, three hospitals, seven issions for the homeless, and five dis- ict welfare offices.

DR. PAUL D. MOODY, EXECUTIVE SEC- TARY of the commission on chaplains the Federal Council of Churches has signed and returned to the presidency Middlebury College.

THE DRUID HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, TLANTA, GEORGIA, in celebrating the elfth anniversary of the pastorate of r. Louis D. Newton, presented him with eight-cylinder Oldsmobile. The Druid ills Men's Brotherhood also presented engraved silver pitcher to Dr. James . Merritt, who has served the Georgia aptists for 21 years.

THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, tlanta, Georgia, says that "sit-down rikes are not peculiar to industry, ac- ording to a report from one of the ost beloved pastors in our ministry. The it-down strike in the churches is very ld, and of late years has become the sort of many."

THE NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHES STORY FROM ROME which indicates the atican expects the early appointment of nother Envoy of this Government. Dr. ouis D. Newton, one of the secretaries f the Baptist World Alliance, has sent vigorous protest to the President.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE BY MRS. A. T. ROBERTSON that Dr. Everett Gill, Sr., as agreed to write a biography of the ate Dr. A. T. Robertson.

THE BAPTIST COLLEGES OF GEORGIA HAVE UNITED in a great campaign to raise five million dollars for endowment. The campaign was launched at Marietta by Dr. George W. Truett. Schools included are Mercer, Bessie Tift, Shorter, Norman and Brewton-Parker.

REV. FREDERIC BALDUS OF THE FIRST CHURCH, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS, recently preached a series of sermons on "The Golden Chapters of John" as follows: "The Genesis of John," "Born of Water and of the Spirit," "Thirsty Souls and Living Waters," "Dark World and a Shining Light," and "Trouble Without, but Peace Within."

VOL. I, NO. I, OF THE EASTERNER, OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY has made its appearance. It will be issued bi-monthly to keep the friends of Eastern acquainted with its blessed work.

NORWEGIAN, DANISH, SWEDISH AND FINNISH MINISTERS united in a special service at the First Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, on the anniversary of the invasion of Scandinavia by the Nazis.

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HAVE COMPLETED A SERIES of "brotherhood convocations" in 12 cities with more than 60,000 in attendance at all sessions.

Every indication points toward the relaxing of bans against church work in Mexico. A welcome is extended to delegates of the 1941 World Sunday School Convention to be held in Mexico City in July, with the promise that religious liberty will be granted to all speakers.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH HAS RAISED and sent to England more than $300,000 for missionary work being carried on by the Church of England.

THE NORWEGIAN SEAMEN'S CHURCH, BROOKLYN, is rendering a great service to Norwegian seamen. During last year the church handled more than 42,000 pieces of mail for seamen and whalers. Workers visited nearly 1,000 Norwegian ships and made more than 3,800 calls in visiting seamen in hospitals. Rev. Lief T. Gulbrandsen is the pastor.

THE LATEST REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY gives their membership in the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands as 22,293,101, which is an increase of 889,965 over the previous year.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, has just completed a new building at a cost of $130,000, all of which has been subscribed except about $20,000.

BEGINNING WITH APRIL 30, THE KANSAS CITY BAPTIST SEMINARY changed its name to the Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. H. E. Dana, president, is looking forward to an ever-growing program of usefulness in kingdom work.

STATISTICS REVEAL THAT "IT TAKES ABOUT 100 PRESBYTERIANS 12 months to add to the church one member, and costs $675 for every one added on confession of faith."

DENNISON UNIVERSITY HAS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN to raise $2,405,500 for endowment and improvements. Mr. G. Herbert Shorney, Chicago, is chairman of the committee.

A BILL TO EXEMPT MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL from paying the gasoline tax while they are performing religious work has been introduced in the New York State Legislature.

Northern Baptist Pension Plan Becomes Major Denominational Project

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The International Scene

Japanese-American Conference

Leaders of the Japanese and American churches came together this month for a six-day conference called by the Federal Council of Churches and the Foreign Missions Conference in an effort to discover means to improve relations between the two countries.

Held at a small hotel in Riverside, California, some fifty miles outside Los Angeles, in an effort to escape reporters, the conference succeeded in keeping its deliberations secret. The delegates were close-mouthed of necessity, both the American and Japanese governments having placed restrictions upon public statements by either group.

Carefully prepared press releases handed out daily by the able press staff provided by the Federal Council of Churches, reported Dr. Yoshimune Abe, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Japan, as saying that the Japanese government has not interfered and has no intention of interfering with church doctrine.

Contrary to reports circulated in America, according to Bishop Abe, the creedal basis of the new united church in Japan has been determined by the churches themselves, without outside pressure. Bishop Abe also made a point of distinguishing between worship at state shinto shrines and religious shrines, declaring that Japanese Christians hold aloof from religious shrine worship but, for patriotic reasons, participate in patriotic shrine observances.

Vatican Envoy

Much excitement was aroused in Baptist circles this month over a report that a successor to Myron C. Taylor as President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican was to be appointed. A United Press dispatch from Rome went so far as to say that a successor to Mr. Taylor had already been appointed in the person of Harold Tittman, who subsequently conferred with Pope Pius XII.

Religious News Service checked with the State Department, was told by Ray Atherton, secretary for European affairs, that Mr. Taylor is still Mr. Roosevelt's envoy and Mr. Tittman is still Mr. Taylor's secretary. Mr. Tittman, who had given up his post as Mr. Taylor's secretary to go to Geneva, was recently recalled to Rome and reappointed to his former position when it became apparent that Mr. Taylor's health would not permit his immediate return to the Vatican.

Mr. Tittman's audience with the Pope, was strictly *pro forma,* Mr. Atherton stated, since in Mr. Taylor's absence he is charged with the latter's duties which include occasional meetings with the pontiff or with the papal Secretary of State.

Peace Aims

Recent efforts of church groups in this country and abroad to focus public attention on the basic principles underlying a just and lasting peace have apparently made an impression upon Congressmen.

This month, in Washington, Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat, of Utah, introduced a resolution in the Senate directing that body's Committee on Foreign Relations to make an investigation of all proposals pertaining to the establishment of a permanent and lasting peace throughout the world.

Many of those proposals are church-sponsored or church-supported and fall within the scope of Senator Thomas' projected investigation.

The Federal Council of Churches has just issued a handbook entitled, "A Just and Durable Peace," which summarizes "recent great Christian pronouncements" on the subject of international relations. It includes the famed Malvern declaration as well as texts of the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences of three years ago.

Earlier this month the American Roman Catholic hierarchy voiced a plea for a peace based "not on the oppression or the destruction of peoples, but for a peace which will guarantee the rights and honor of all nations." The annual meetings of two official Catholic peace associations had for their themes, "America's Peace Aims."

Religious Life

More evidence was on hand this month that the impact of war had strengthened religious faith in stricken countries.

One sign of the quickening of faith in Europe was revealed in a report from the International Christian Press and Information Service of Geneva, which stated that religious life in the prison camps of Europe had attained a "remarkable intensity," and termed the demand for Bibles and religious literature among prisoners-of-war "enormous."

In England there was striking evidence of the vitality of religion. Though Nazi bombers have damaged 2,650 English churches of all denominations since the start of the war, religion has followed the people to the underground shelters, where a new type of worship service known as "tube evangelism" has arisen.

The movement aims to provide daily prayer services for Londoners who seek shelter from the Nazi Luftwaffe in the city's subway stations. A recent conference of fifty "tube clergymen" completed plans to launch separate groups of laymen and laywomen who would aid in "tube services" by conducting song services, prayer periods, informal talks, and by distributing literature.

Britons have also inaugurated the practice of observing one minute of silent prayer when Big Ben strikes the evening hour of nine over the radio. The practice has been commended by the King, Prime Minister Churchill and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Signs of a quickening religious life in Canada were also evident. The Dean of New Westminster, B. C., said recently in a speech at Toronto, that he believed a great regeneration was taking place in the life of the Church in Canada. And according to an extensive survey conducted throughout the Toronto diocese of the Church of England most clergymen reported that their churches were attracting more people each Sunday.

Domestic Affairs

Religious Conventions

May is the month of religious conventions. Meeting this month are the Northern and Southern Baptists, the Northern and Southern Presbyterians as well as other denominational groups. Convening early this month were the Disciples of Christ and the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Outstanding decisions of the Disciples were (1) adoption of a resolution requesting President Roosevelt to keep the United States out of the war; (2) re-establishment of official relationship of the denomination with the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains; (3) establishment of a commission to study ways and means for achieving closer cooperation between the Disciples and the Congregational and Christian Churches.

The Rabbinical Assembly, which represents the Conservative or "middle-of-the-road" group in Judaism, launched a campaign to strengthen Jewish communal, family and religious life. Projects approved included preparation of a standard revised prayer book, said to be of great

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gnificance in American Judaism; formu-tion of a code of ethics for relations be-veen rabbis and their congregations.

Main event in Roman Catholic circles is month was celebration of the 50th nd 10th anniversaries of two famous pa-al social encyclicals—Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum" and Pope Pius XI's Quadragesimo Anno." Commemorative bservances were held by Catholic groups a various parts of the country. Pope Leo's ncyclical described as one of the greatest rrors of modern times "the notion that lass is naturally hostile to class," a neme that was stressed forty years later y Pius XI.

Baptist-Disciples Prayer Book

In what is believed to be the first move f its kind in American Protestantism, wo major denominations are joining to-ether to produce a hymnal containing the ame hymns, the same worship materials, nd under the same name.

The two communions are the Northern Baptists and the Disciples of Christ. The ew hymnal will represent a joint effort on he part of the Christian Board of Publi-ation (Disciples) and the American Bap-ist Publication Society.

The new hymnal is said to mark the irst practical step toward a Northern Baptist-Disciples of Christ merger. The wo communions have been discussing nion for some time.

Bibles

This month the American Bible Society bserved its 125th anniversary. Officials of the Society stated that over 300,000 Bibles, Testaments and portions of Scrip-tures have been distributed by the or-ganization during the past century and a quarter.

On May 18 Roman Catholics through-out America celebrated their first Bible Sunday.

That day was set aside as the date for the official launching of a revised New Testament—the first in 190 years. The new text is the result of five years study by leading Roman Catholic Biblical schol-ars.

The new version of the scriptures is in effect a revision of the Rheims-Challoner text and is based on research into the ancient Latin Vulgate. In its preface to the new text, the Episcopal Committee reaffirmed the statement that "the Word of the Lord lives forever," but added the conviction that the Challoner version had suffered loss of value because of progres-sive changes in the language.

This month a movement was launched to spread the Bible in Yiddish translation. The Jewish Daily Forward, largest Yiddish newspaper in America, is currently offering copies of the old Testament as prizes for its readers. Most of its subscribers are laboring men and women. The Jewish National Workers' Alliance initiated a drive to distribute the Old Testament among all its Yiddish-speaking members.

Interfaith Cooperation

In view of its current rate of growth, interfaith cooperation may some day be regarded as one of the greatest social changes of the twentieth century, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the Na-tional Conference of Christians and Jews, reported to the organization's board of trustees this month.

Dr. Clinchy's annual report contained a word of warning, however. He cautioned Americans against being lulled into a false security by the apparent unity which the war situation has encouraged.

American leaders, he stated, must "build a dyke against a possible new wave of fear, prejudice and intolerance such as that which has followed all modern wars."

Outstanding development on the inter-faith front was a series of two public meetings held in London under the aus-pices of Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic Primate of England, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The meetings climaxed a movement launched last December when the Cardi-nal, the Archbishop, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council issued an unprecedented statement outlining five Christian principles for a postwar world.

According to Hillaire Belloc, noted Cath-olic author, there has never been such an effective demonstration of unity of pur-pose on a matter of such high import by members of conflicting beliefs since the Reformation.

Highlights of U. S. interfaith cooperation this month were Detroit's first annual civic Amity dinner which attracted nearly 1,000 representatives of more than 100 racial, religious, economic, political, and social groups; the appeal for goodwill among all faiths voiced by Archbishop Gregory of St. Paul before a public meet-ing held under the auspices of the St. Paul Rotary Club; and a conference on "Religious Foundations of Democracy" held in St. Louis and attended by some 25 leading priests, rabbis and ministers.

Religious Broadcasting

Religious radio broadcasting came of age this month. Representatives of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups sponsoring or conducting religious pro-grams came together for the first time in connection with the Twelfth Institute for Education by Radio held in Columbus, Ohio under the auspices of Ohio State University.

Reports were given on the scope of broadcasting by the three faiths as well as of interfaith programs. Many prob-lems confronting religious broadcasting were discussed. At the conclusion of the sessions, the conference recommended that the National Conference of Christians and Jews be requested to set up a com-mittee which would draft a code govern-ing religious broadcasting.

The proposed code would consider such questions as when, if ever, religious radio time should be paid for, and whether religious radio should ever be used as a means of raising money.

Another evidence of the maturity of religious broadcasting was the general conviction that dramatic techniques should be used more extensively in religious broadcasts, as a supplement to the sermon type of program.

It was agreed by the group that re-ligious organizations should exert a super-visory influence in general radio programs dealing with marriage, divorce, family relations and other questions of morality, by protesting when offensive material is presented.

Churches and Airplanes

Dr. Samuel Trexler, president of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, this month predicted greater use of airplanes by clergymen. Eventually, the church will man her own planes, he said, just as pastors run their own cars today.

"It becomes a Christian duty for the church to show that the airplane can be a vehicle for spreading the constructive forces of mankind, for building up man's cultural life, not tearing it down," he said.

Dr. Trexler cited the goodwill clipper trip taken this month by the Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell of New York to war-torn Britain as an example of the constructive use to which the airplane can be put.

A Clinic for Troubled Souls

By F. B. McALLISTER
First Baptist Church, Youngstown, Ohio

When Mrs. G. unburdened her heart in the "Clinic," there was a shadow of deep concern clouding her cultured features. Here was her story: "I have waited a long time to reveal my problem, for I knew that it must not be told unless there was strictest confidence and to a person who might help me. My husband has an incurable disease. No one but the doctor and I know the facts behind his dreadful illness. This incurable situation of his came about because of living a dissipated life. I have been waiting upon him faithfully, for my marriage vows demand that, but as his disposition grows worse, the thought comes to me again and again, 'Why?' I am beside myself, cooped up in my home all day long, taking care of the one who was unfaithful to me. Perhaps a sense of humanity should cause me to carry on until the end, but will you help me with my own state of mind so that I may continue to go on?"

Simple to answer? Well, perhaps. But the problems of youth are no less pressing. Here is but one of many. "Five years ago I was engaged but my fiance broke the engagement. He believed that we weren't suited for each other and it would be better to call the whole thing off rather than to marry, find our mistake, and have to wind up with a divorce. I was heartbroken because I was much in love. A year later he married another girl. Recently I have been going with a young man who has asked me to marry him. I have hesitated to give an answer. You see, I feel certain that someday my former lover will come back to me. Do you think this may happen? Should I wait, then, or marry someone who is a second choice?"

Thus, into our clinic for troubled minds and hearts each week for nine years have come problems which involve marriage difficulties, children's worries, personality improvement, vocational selection, and baffling employment situations. At first, the "Clinic of Domestic Relations," as we called it, was but a modest service carried on in conjunction with our pastoral relationships, but the demand for a broader helpfulness grew so that for years a radio station has carried two programs a week in which we receive questions and give replies to a potential audience of a million listeners; and there has been established an office, in one of the prominent downtown structures, conference rooms for difficulties too complicated to be carried over the air.

Groping for Solutions

In these trying days, people are groping for solutions to their problems. Especially in youth conferences, intensely serious young people are pressing their leaders for sympathetic and intelligent replies. Since there are so few psychologists, and since the profession is so new that people have not as yet come to have confidence in these who will one day be found in every center of population, the minister holds a unique position of trust and esteem so needed to perform this incalculably important service. If he has good patience, common sense, and will find a degree of skill necessary to hear and help, he will mightily serve his time and generation.

It is because I have been asked so frequently by my fellow ministers how one may acquire the necessary techniques to serve troubled minds and hearts, and how one may begin to set up such a practical service in connection with one's ministry, that I am setting down several observations which have come from these hundreds of conferences and years of "clinic" service.

How to Do It

1. Begin, no matter how humble or inadequate the help which one at first may give. The idea is to get launched into the work. A young minister should not hesitate because of his supposed lack of experience. The fact that his intellect is trained will cause him to aid numberless people to triumph over their difficulties even while he is winning victories over his own.

2. One should not hesitate because he has not read a fund of books on psychology and psychiatry. Of course, he will include in his list of yearly reading some of the better books in the field of Christian psychology and surely those valuable materials which now flood our book stands on how to help the troubled mind, but if he expects to wait until he becomes an expert, the world will long await his ministry.

3. The minister will be wise enough not to play around with cases where there are mental or emotional swists. These are decidedly for the trained physician; to touch them is dangerous, not to say stupid. However, the pastor may render a most valuable service by detecting such situations which show an unbalanced condition and urge the family quickly to call in their doctor. Successful mental cures, like successful surgery, are those which are detected and treated early. If the minister, then, even in these extreme cases, has enough experience and judgment to recognize such conditions he will render an inestimable service by directing the patient to the proper expert.

4. The adviser must be sufficiently discerning in listening to recognize that the immediate problem presented is often a minor SYMPTOM of the real difficulty. His questions must unearth the home situation, the past life relationships, the nationality, the race, the health, the personality traits, the friendships, and—and this list is by no means exhaustive—the intelligence of the person seeking help. May we illustrate by the following problem, in showing how one must look behind the scenes? The story we here tell is typical.

My daughter is a lovable thing of ten years. She has, up to this month or so, been a good scholar. Her grades previously were very high but during the last semester her work has become so poor that I fear she will fail. The teacher has talked to me about this but we can't discover the cause. Could you suggest what might be wrong with my daughter and tell me how the situation may be remedied? Thank you! Mrs. R.

We answered by air: Mrs. R., there may be any number of reasons for your daughter's unusual situation. First of all it would be wise for you to have her examined by a physician to see if she is suffering from some physical ailment. Remember, if your child is ill, she will not do good work at school. Also have the girl's eyes examined. Poor eyesight may produce, not only inferior school work, but develop nervousness and a decided dislike for studies. And, Mrs. R., is there a conflict in your home? If parents quarrel, a child is likely to become emotionally unbalanced and do poor work. Every home with a child should be a congenial one. And then, does Mary get enough rest? A feeling of continuous fatigue in itself might cause the child to fail. That, then, was our advice to Mrs. R.

5. The adviser must not make the error of seeing each problem for its moral value alone. Here we may easily make

greatest mistake. Rather, we should v the problem as a PROBLEM and to show the way out. Because the ubled person comes to the minister re need be no call for a denouncing achment. A wise counselor will detach iself from the situation and view it m its HUMAN standpoint.

Yet this new office does not for its pose establish the minister as a crack- psychologist. He is and always will the pastor, but now in the role of an riser who can understand and intelli- itly enter into the given situation and ually present a solution which breathes the very spirit of Jesus.

How often shall he open his study this purpose? As frequently as it is eded. It is wise to announce one riod a week for these private conversa- ns. As the requirements demand more ne, the hours can be increased. Not all oblems can be solved in one visit; many quire several. Although this job of idance comes as nearly being the real rk of the minister under God, the man God will have only begun who merely lls those baffled with difficulties to turn religion as an escape; he may be but nding them a stone. If the minister is lling enough to try and courageous ough to prepare himself, a world of op- rtunity lies before him that will bring emendous personal satisfactions and mpensations. He eventually comes to uild up a constituency of those who will gard him with utmost respect and affec- on.

Although the work has merely been con- dered sketchily and much more should said, we conclude by stating that this storal service of diagnosing intelligently e problems of heart-sick souls may be e of two things: a stupid, dangerous ing, or a glorious service. But when peo- e are beaten to the earth, just one sug- stion may be the veritable hand of God.

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ADDISON B. LORIMER
Bellows Falls, Vermont

A Word to the Older People

By BENJAMIN STARR
Homer, N. Y.

We older people worry about the young people going to the devil. The fact is that they are responding to God's call better than we are. To carry out the "Great Commission" the young people must furnish the lives to go. We older people must furnish the money to send them.

We now have some 300 less foreign missionaries than we had a few years ago. WHY? Is it for lack of lives to send, or for lack of money to send them? In a recent letter Miss McKay of the Woman's Foreign Society says, "The drastic cuts of the last decade have made it necessary to discourage young women, some of whom would have been ready these last few years. . . . Young women are ready and the young people in the lower grades are willing to go on preparing and dedicating their lives if they can be assured that the denomination will support them."

A paragraph on China in a recent issue of *Latest Information from Foreign Mission Fields* closes with this statement. "The need to increase the missionary staff in East and South China is imperative. Two families have sailed recently. Other young men and women are eager to go; only funds are lacking."

The work is being hindered because we older people are doing what Israel was doing when God said they were robbing Him of the tithes and offerings. If we are not already doing it, let us begin now to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse; putting consecrated dollars beside these consecrated lives, that we may not hinder the spread of the Gospel any longer.

D.D.'s For Ministers

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO STAND UP WHEN YOU STAND. When I hear some minister speak I find myself wishing there were no pulpits in our churches on which they can lean. One would think the minister is legless the way he holds on to the pulpit and leans on it and wallows on it. Some play hide-and-seek behind it, occasionally coming out where they may be seen.

It is a misuse of a very important piece of church furniture. It was never intended to be a couch on which the minister might recline during the hour of his preaching.

The reclining attitude is an apologetic attitude; it does not suggest conviction, purpose, compulsion of utterance. Rather it is suggestive of a negative attitude, lack of confidence, timidity, hesitancy. Stooped shoulders, body bent, head down are physical expressions of lack of resource.

To stand erect, head up, face forward, these carry the air of confidence and victory, and instill in the minds of listeners a sense of the greatness and importance of the word preached.

The great preachers I know are upstanding men—facing their congregations with fearless eyes and confident posture. If you must lounge in the pulpit, have the church furnish you a couch. When you stand to preach—stand.

DON'T FUME AND BLUSTER OVER TRIVIAL THINGS. First of all, I question the value of fume and bluster on any occasion, or about anything. But how much fume and bluster there are in much of the preaching of our day. And my observation is that the aggitation is about trivial and inconsequential things.

If the things about which we are agitated are trivial they are not worth being agitated about, and if they are things of consequence, blustering does not help.

It is easier to fume and fuss than it is to bring fuel for the fires of faith, and root and ground men and women in the Word, and send them out strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

When tempted to fume and bluster, why not determine to do the better thing: substitute the deep things for the shallow things; the great matters for things of little consequence.

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DR. J. HOWARD WILLIAMS has not long been pastor of the First Baptist church Oklahoma City, but the other Sunday there were 3,725 in Sunday school.

"Religious News and Newspapers"

By ROBERT TATE ALLAN
Religious Editor, The Washington Post

Once the stepchild of many newspapers, religious news is at last coming into its own, is becoming an integral part of the modern metropolitan daily.

What is behind the trend toward wider coverage of religious news in the daily press? And what can churchmen do to insure better coverage of their individual church or denominational religious activities?

In the first place, newspapers—in affording more attention to church news—are meeting a demand that has come through a revived interest in religion—an interest that is filling many once-empty pews.

History-making and newsworthy things are happening in the world of religion today.

Churches are reaching out into the broad fields of social service, interfaith and interdenominational cooperation and many other phases of community and national life. They are working overtime to promote the welfare of Selective Service men. They are doing things that make news.

Cooperation Essential

Not only are newspapers in the country covering more straight religious news. They are also using more religious features, some of which describe the achievements of Bible classes and other church groups and the personalities of laymen and ministers.

Increased cooperation between the churches and the secular press, with a resultant more efficient handling of church news on both ends, has certainly been a major factor in promoting better coverage of religious news.

What modern up-to-the-minute church doesn't have a publicity chairman and committee, or some other live-wire contact person between it and the public press?

These liaison officers, with which local churches abound, are doing a splendid job in helping put their congregations on the map, so to speak. And they save the press many a headache, for religious news is no cinch to cover.

It is a relief for a photographer to know that when he arrives for a church assignment that a church publicity man or woman has kept his eyes and ears open for some good material.

To shoot or not to shoot is often a question for a photographer when making church shots, since some congregations differ on the question of "shooting" during the services. A good publicity man can give the photographer the "right steer" on such matters. If there is a possibility of a good church picture, it is very helpful for the press to be informed several days before the assignment.

It is a relief for a church editor to know that when time limitations have made it impossible for him to personally cover a sermon or service, that some up-on-his toes church publicist has jotted down notes, and reached him before the newspaper deadline.

In the matter of church and newspaper cooperation, I can't let the opportunity pass without putting in a "plug" for the Washington Church Press Association, which is doing a grand job in promoting better coverage of the local and nearby religious front.

Outgrowth of a meeting last June of church publicists of Mount Rainier (Maryland) at Mount Rainier Christian Church, the Association has about two hundred church publicity workers enrolled in the Washington Metropolitan area. Among its recent accomplishments were a church publication contest and dinner, when contest prizes were awarded.

William S. Egbert, editor of *Everyman*, the publication of Everyman's Bible Class of Mount Rainier Christian Church, is the capable chief scribe. He is, I feel, among the best church publicists in the country. He's got a real nose for news. Henry L. Sweinhart, prominent local layman of First Baptist Church and newspaper correspondent, also is an active member.

The Association, which meets once monthly at various churches, is among the first organizations of its kind in the country. Its practical value is being shown by the improved church "copy" passing over this church editor's desk.

Why Not Try This?

If you are having trouble getting your church news published, try this:

Study the newspaper style for conciseness and general composition. Keep your material triple-spaced. Familiarize yourself with newspaper deadlines, both for the regular weekly church announcements and for the daily news. Make certain all essential facts are included—time, place, full names, and addresses (where necessary), etc. Place name of sender of the news, address and telephone number of sender of the news item at the top of the "handout." The reporter may have to check back on the piece.

In closing, I wish to make this observation:

I hope the day will come when more small-town or small city newspapers will awaken to the value of religious news, in place of a mass of badly written dry-to-read announcements. News of Mrs. Jones' party for the Ladies' Aid Society and such items have a place in the paper of course. But they can be made more interesting to read.

Some time ago in a visit to a small city, I dropped into a church, heard the young preacher deliver a brilliant analysis of what he felt to be the Christians' attitude in the war crisis. His analysis was far superior to what I have heard in some bigtime pulpits.

Not a word of the sermon appeared in the daily newspaper the following day. Out of curiosity, I called the paper, asking why there was no account of the sermon.

This was the answer I got:

"We seldom publish any of the sermons. They (the preachers) never say anything worth printing."

How far wrong he was!

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S. B. C. Home Mission News

Ministerial class at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, is the best this year in attendance and apparent interest of any previous year, reports Rev. C. W. Kelly, Home Board teacher-missionary at the institute.

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A man sixty-seven years old was converted on the Mexican field in Kerrville, Texas, where Rev. Emmett V. Rodriguez is Home Board missionary. Fifty-one years ago he heard the missionary's grandfather preach.

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A course of study in soul-winning and an Andrew Club were organized at a Baptist church in Appomattox, Virginia, recently, when Rev. John E. Percy, Jr., teacher-missionary in the Home Board's program of Negro ministerial education, delivered an address there and helped make plans for future activity.

lor and About Women . . . by Mabelle Rae LeGrand

A Letter to Mary

Dear Mary:

I am sitting down to write to you in the middle of the morning on a gorgeous spring day. There are dozens of things I ought to be doing this minute but I have decided to drop all the "musts" for a little while just to do this one thing that I really want to do right dow. Did you ever try that method of calming down your tired nerves that will not behave? Try it some time. Do something that you WANT to do for a time and then the necessary and prosaic duties will take on more interest because of the respite.

You see this is being written before I go to our annual nominational convention and I keep wondering what will happen this very omentous year. This will not reach you until it is all over and so you will reading it with a different point of view. However, remember that these rds were written before decisions were made. I keep wondering how many ople from our Baptist churches will be ming with open minds, or how many ere will be who are already determined fight to a finish any change of any nd. I do not have much patience with ose who are always minimizing the im-rtance of denominational machinery. I lieve that it is just as important to rry on the Kingdom business in the ost efficient way as it is to pray for a essing on the work we do. And some-w I feel ashamed to use less intelli-nce and show less concern about mis-onary work than I do about my own rsonal business in life. Well, I sup-se some folks will work up a following r one side of a question just as if it ere a political meeting and will glory in inning an argument. May there be no n-Christian attitudes shown after it is l over. There is so much to be done e cannot afford to be petty and unkind, nd if we as Baptists are to demonstrate rather perfect democracy, we shall ac-pt the majority decision and proceed to ndertake even greater programs that is Kingdom may come and His will be one to a greater degree in this most rivileged land and in the world.

How Much Recognition?

I keep wondering how much the women ill be recognized in both conventions his year. Of course we cannot hope that e shall have much place in national af-airs if we have been asleep all year in ur home churches. I wonder why we o not set out to have some women ustees. That seems to be the hardest lace for the brethren to let the women unction and yet I cannot help smiling myself to see how many times these ery august trustees will turn to the omen for financial assistance in getting new carpet. If we are able to raise the oney, why are we not wise enough to help spend it? Of course, it is a matter of education and it must be administered painlessly, so we must keep on keeping on.

That reminds me, this morning I saw in my alumni "News" that our president has made an address recently on the most interesting subject, "Who Now Is the Educated Person?" How I would like to have heard that subject discussed. I find myself so muddled when I try to interpret world affairs that I must have missed something in my education somewhere. During the last depression our family doctor who lost heavily remarked, "Why didn't I learn in college that this kind of thing could happen in this country?" I suppose it just is not possible to teach all about every kind of world problem but I feel sure that most of us today feel very uneducated about many things. It has been amazing to me lately to discover how little many of the younger generation know about the way of a Christian in the present-day world. Surely an educated person ought to have much knowledge of the Bible and I am so glad to see every few days that some other community has decided to try week-day religious instruction for the boys and girls. The latest I have discovered concerns a movement to provide such training, in a city, for the juniors and seniors of the high school. Not long ago a college president friend told me that this year in his Bible class, in one of the early periods of the class he talked a bit at length about Abraham. One of the college freshmen waited a while and then said, "Who is this fellow anyway? You seem to think that we ought to know who he is. You are taking a lot for granted." Our friend was stunned and asked, "Didn't you ever hear of him in Sunday School or were you never in a Sunday School?" Imagine his surprise to discover that two boys in his class had never attended a Sunday School or had any religious training. And then I remember how many people, church people, too, think of the Sabbath as a day to "go somewhere." Perhaps the thing that worries me most is to see leaders of our churches watch their children slip into all kinds of outside interests and be proud of their accomplishments in other organizations but never urge upon them that same loyalty to church affairs that they themselves have given through the years. After all, you and I must admit that we are active in church life today BECAUSE we followed in the footsteps of our parents. They did not let us play around with all the other interests in life and *hope* that we would eventually come back to the church but they kept us at it as we grew up and so here we are. Maybe it was a good method in the "good old days."

What Are You Reading?

What are you reading this summer? It is a grand time to get a good start on the study subject for next year. Christianity and the World Order will not be an easy subject to interpret this year of all years. I have before me on my desk the new book by Arthur E. Holt, "Christian Roots of Democracy in America," also "The Seed and the Soil." They are already off the press and look as if I should take time off right now and get at them. The others will be coming along soon, so get your order in and begin to read. You really must be an educated person if you are in the church life of today.

Before I close, I want to tell you a very interesting thing that happened to me a little while ago in Chicago. I was taking a taxi from the north side to the station. As we rode along I asked why he had turned right around and started back, because the usual taxi driver might have chosen a longer route. He said it was the shortest way and then I knew that I had an unusual driver. You will agree with me when I finish this story. We rode past the new subway excavation and I made a remark about it and then said, "Will it hurt your business much?" He said, "It can't hurt it much more." I said, "Will you tell me how much you do make? I am really interested." He replied, "Well, I average just about $16 a week, sometimes a little more and sometimes less, but that is the average." My next question was, "Do you have a family to support?" With a smile in his voice, he said, "I have a daughter seventeen years old and a boy fourteen." Then a pause, and then he continued, "My wife walked out on me. Gee, she was fine. She was educated, and good looking—but

she just could not take it." And then a sigh.

We talked on for a few minutes and then I said, "Well, it is a strange world, isn't it? I wonder what is wrong with the world." Like a flash came back this answer. "Lady, I'll tell you what's wrong with the world. The world don't care nothin' for the church nor Jesus Christ. . . . And if the young folks of today should hear this conversation between you and me, they'd say we was nuts." This conversation has haunted me through all the days since I met this man in the taxi, and I have wondered just how nearly he is right. Certainly much of the world does not care too much about the church nor Jesus Christ and I have wondered why. I just cannot get way from the fact that the reason for this is that you and I, and others who bear the name of Christ (and make up the church), are not enough like Him.

Dear me, what a good time I have had chatting with you and now it is noon and the "musts" call me back to my daily duties. Are your days as full as mine? They are all too full, and I must find the way of knowing when I have taken too many tasks. I have about come to the conclusion that the time to stop comes when I am not doing all my tasks as well as I should, and then I try always to remember that there are others who can do everything that I am doing as well if not better than I. That keeps me humble too.

Ever Yours,
MABELLE RAE LEGRAND

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ARE YOU POWERLESS?

If an electric car stands motionless on the tracks, it is nothing against the power of electricity. If an invalid has no appetite and cannot go out of doors at night, it is no argument against things to eat and the joy of starlit air. If a man does not know a flower by name, or a poem by heart, it is no indictment of the beauty of a rose, or the charm of poetry. If we bear the name of Christ but give no other sign of him, if we go through the form of godliness, but live powerless lives, it is a thousand reproaches to us. To be powerless when Christ has all power, and we can have all we want, is an arraignment to which we can make no answer that is not self-incriminating

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Here and There in Rural America

By MARK RICH

West Virginia Bestirs Itself

As the spring grass began to green, the rural committee of the West Virginia Baptist State Convention came into action by calling a planning conference at Sutton. About twenty-five persons responded. It was a most stimulating day as facts were brought to light and plans emerged.

West Virginia is a strong Baptist state with 747 Northern Baptist churches. Of these, 100 are full-time and approximately 650 part-time churches. Many of these are located in open country, hamlets, and in business and mining communities. Two hundred churches are now pastorless.

The executive secretary, the Rev. Hugh S. Pickett, is genuinely interested in the smaller churches. He is advocating the grouping or "fellowshipping" of churches in close proximity, with a minister located within easy access. The Rev. Ward Hibbs of Romney, chairman of the rural committee, advocated small rural churches sharing material resources, spiritual resources (fellowship), and pastoral leadership. This council grows out of his successful experience as pastor of five churches in a larger parish.

The committee looked favorably upon plans for the publication of rural church literature, the sponsoring of regional rural conferences for pastors and laymen, the presentation of rural work at Associations and State Conventions and sponsoring association and state-wide church surveys.

Part-Time Churches

Many West Virginia churches have preaching services only once a month; the other Sundays being given over to Sunday School with local leadership. Some pastors serve several churches. I met a layman doing secular work through the week who serves four churches. The Rev. J. E. Smith, Rupert, is the pastor of eight churches in Greenbriar and Hopewell Associations. The church at Mt. Hermon has services once a month on Sunday evening when the attendance including members of other near-by churches reaches 300. The second meeting is held on Monday morning at 10:30. Mr. Smith has been preaching at Mt. Hermon for three years and has never seen the Monday morning attendance below 100. This is a rather isolated rural church, and unusual.

Several lay preachers attended the conference. These were men of wholesome spirit and good personality. One had an inexhaustable store of homely jokes. He told of a layman in a West Virginia church whose religious enthusiasm cooled. He stopped attending church. Finally when he was moved to return to worship, the minister took the pains to recognize him.

He asked, "Brother ——, will you lead in prayer." The backsliding layman retorted,

"Pray yourself, sir. I've been on short pasture."

Make Your Own Book

The Rev. F. W. McDermott, director of Town and Country work in Ohio, has sent to each pastor in the state a loose-leaf notebook, in which is included articles, poems, and letters on the rural church. From time to time he will send additional material, punched ready for filing. The purpose is to stimulate further interest in the town and country church and create a fellowship of those genuinely concerned to serve this important segment of our church constituency.

Pamphleteering the Rural Church

Single copies of the following are available from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, free upon request:

"Town and Country Church Score Card." Adapted from Score Card prepared by Aaron H. Rapking.

"A Hundredfold, Sixtyfold, Thirtyfold," by Conrad Henry Moehlman.

The committee on worship of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America announces the publication of "Rural Life Prayers," compiled by Mark Rich. The cost is fifteen cents for single copies and ten cents in quantities. These may be secured from the Federal Council of Churches at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York.

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REV. H. E. HINTON, DIRECTOR OF PROMOTION for Connecticut has been appointed as District Representative of the M. and M. Benefit Board of the Northern Convention and will serve the North central states with headquarters in Indianapolis. In these six states there are 487,783 Baptists in 2529 churches.

THE EAST GERMAN METHODIST CONFERENCE has disbanded so its 30 parishes in five states may affiliate with English-speaking conferences. This is the last of ten such conferences to take this action.

DEATHS

Among those "gathered unto their thers" in the past few weeks were Dr. . T. B. Williams, 74, vice president of uskegee Institute, a great Negro edu- cor. . . . Mr. Gustave E. Apel, Brook- a, New York, for more than 60 years entified with the Sunday school work Brooklyn and 30 years president of e Board of Calvary Baptist Church. . . . . Finis S. Idleman, pastor of the Cen- l Christian Church, New York City, ao had just completed the life story of . Peter Ainslie. . . . Rev. Bruno H. Lue- ck, 44, noted missionary in China. . . . nator Morris Sheppard, 65, of Texas no was "father of the Eighteenth nendment." . . .

Also Rev. Geo. R. Stuart, Brooklyn, ew York, secretary-treasurer of the etropolitan Baptist Ministers Con- rence. . . . Mrs. Robert H. Coleman, allas, Texas, whose husband has served assistant to Dr. Geo. W. Truett for any years. . . . Dr. John A. Hainer, 80, stor of the Blockley Baptist Church, iladelphia, for 27 years and secretary the Board of Trustees of Eastern Sem- ary for 18 years. . . . Dr. C. L. White, ampton Falls, New Hampshire, former ecutive secretary of the American Bap- st Home Mission Society. . . .

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Also Dr. Frank H. Divine, 76, New ork City, who during the past 20 years aised over $35,000,000 for churches and hristian institutions . . . A. F. Gaylord, hicago, for many years business manager f Moody Bible Institute. . . . Rev. ohn Naylor, Niagara Falls, for many ears pastor of churches in New York nd Connecticut. . . . Dr. Adam F. Groes- eck, 75, Alameda, California, who sailed s missionary to China in 1897 and spent any years as faithful missionary. . . . ev. Drew T. Wyman, 89, pastor emeritus f the First Church, Westminister, Maine, ho was ordained in 1880. . . . Rev. harles L. Page, 81, Roxbury, Mass- chusetts, who served as assistant pastor f the Dudley Street Baptist Church, oxbury for 29 years. . . . Rev. Dudley Thimson, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. . . . Rev. E. J. Nordlander, 76, Kiron, Iowa, who was born in Ongermanland, Sweden, and served churches in the middle west for many years. . . . Rev. J. Drover Forward, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Green Castle, Indiana.

May the heavenly Father comfort and strengthen those who have lost their loved ones as they journey onward toward the celestial city where there is no death.

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Officials at the Government Resettlement Farm in Schriever, Louisiana, have opened the office building to a newly organized mission for its services, according to Rev. Lawrence Thibodeaux, French missionary of the Home Mission Board, who with members of his church at Thibodaux and a worker from Baptist Bible Institute, organized the mission.

A Prayer for Preachers

(Adapted from Glenn Frank's Prayer for Teachers.)

By WILLIAM E. SKADDEN
First Baptist Church, Rantoul, Illinois

O LORD of Preaching and of Christians, we are at our best but blunderers in this Godlike business of preaching. Our short-comings shame us, for we are not alone in paying the penalty for them; they have a sorry immorality in the maimed minds and souls of those whom we, in our blundering, mislead. We have been content to be merchants of dead yesterdays, when we should have been guides into unborn tomorrows. We have put conformity to told customs above curiosity about new ideas. We have thought more about our sermon than about our object. We have been peddlers of petty accuracies, when we should have been priests and prophets of abundant living.

We have urged our congregations to be clever competitors in the world as it is, when we should have been helping them to become creative cooperators in the world as it is to be. We have regarded our churches as training camps for existing denominations to the exclusion of making them working models of the Kingdom of God. We have counted theology more precious than wisdom. We have tried to teach our members what to pray for, instead of how to pray. We have thought it was our business to furnish the minds and souls of our congregations with religious cant, when we should have been laboring to free their minds and souls to the will of God.

O Lord, we confess that we have fallen into these sins of the pulpit because it has been the easiest way. It has been easier to tell our churches about the motionless past that we can learn for once and for all than to join with them in trying to understand the moving present that must be studied and prayed afresh each morning. From these sins of sloth and professionalism may we be freed. May we realize that it is important to know the past only that we may live wisely in the present. Help us to be more interested in stimulating the builders of modern cathedrals than in retailing to Christians the glories of ancient temples. Give us to see that a Christian's memory should be a tool as well as a treasure chest. Help us to say "do" oftener, to our young people, than we say "don't." May we so awaken interest in Christlike living that "caraway seed" and the "tithing-man with his wand of office" may become indeed useless accessories about our churches.

Help us realize that, in the deeper sense, we cannot teach anyone anything about the enrichment of the soul; that the best we can do is to help him learn for himself. Help us to see that preaching is, after all, but the adventure of trying to relate God's children to God's world. May we be shepherds of the spirit as well as masters of the mind.

Give us, O Lord of Preaching and of Christians, a sense of the divinity of our undertaking. Amen.

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A NUMBER OF CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA have organized the Southern Baptist Convention of California and made application to the Southern Convention, meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, last month for recognition and membership. Dr. Masters of the WESTERN RECORDER stated that they would be received.

OBJECTIVES OF BAPTISTS

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such agencies as the American Sunday School Union. the national Bible societies, and societies for social reform. The creation of the International Sunday School Committee enlisted the cooperation of Baptists both North and South in the planning of the International Sunday School lessons.

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Another "common objective" cannot be omitted, namely the training of the ministry. The early Puritan clergymen of New England were largely university-trained men. They put the stamp of an educated ministry strongly upon their churches and communities. Baptists, who were just then finding a foothold in the same region could not bear the reproach of sitting under a ministry in the main untrained. When it was proposed to establish a school for the training of Baptist ministers there was much latent as well as expressed hostility to "man-made preachers" which lasted for several decades. The earliest schools for the education of Baptist clergymen had many hard words leveled at them. The Baptist magazines and newspapers of those days bear ample testimony to the battles that waged over that issue. Nevertheless the schools gradually won a place for themselves, mainly because of the indisputable effectiveness and Christian characters of the men who were trained in them. By now the fight has been largely won by the schools, and a trained ministry is a "common objective." In 1920 a survey was made in one state and it was shown that on the basis of baptisms and of money raised for benevolences, ministers with college and seminary training were more effective in the ratio of two to one. The Baptist Training Union (South) enumerated as one of the "Gains in our Thinking" the development of a denominational conviction that evangelism and training must go hand in hand." To this the youth and adult training agencies of the Northern Baptist would heartily subscribe. Probably a larger proportion of the young men who attend Baptist denominational colleges in the South are listed as prospective theological students than obtains in the North. One reason for this is that the number of Baptist churches in the South so greatly outnumbers those in the North. Another reason is the organization of the curricula. Border state schools attract students from both directions. It is a sad fact that Baptist colleges in the North do not attract the youth of Baptist families to the extent that might rightly be expected. My impression is that this is less true in the South. It certainly would be a worthy "common objective" for the Baptists both of the South and the North to set on foot a nation-wide campaign to enlarge the resources both in young Baptist folk and in material support of all of our Baptist educational institutions. The next generation of church members will be the best educated generation our churches have ever known. The educational equipment of the ministry must correspondingly rise if our bright young Baptist men and women are to be asked to submit themselves to these leaders for instruction and inspiration.

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The slogan "North America for Christ," or "Our Christ for Our Country," might well be adopted by Baptists North and South as a "common objective." More cooperation between the two sections might hasten the day of its fulfillment.

The Parable of Soil Too Rich

C. F. BANNING

Now there lived in a land many Sabbath days' journey toward the setting sun the prophet and his father and mother, his brother and his sisters. The prophet was but a lad and his father said unto him, "Son, this day I have work for thee to do. See there is that which doth enrich the soil. Go thou and distribute it evenly over yonder field." "Aye, father, that I will do," answered the prophet.

Now when father was gone the prophet began to work but he soon grew tired. That which should have been spread over the field was spread over but one-third of the field. Now when the seed was planted and began to grow behold upon that one-third it grew abundant foliage but no fruitage. The soil was too rich. Then was the prophet exceeding sorrowful.

Aye, is it not so among men? God had given to all men liberally and upbraideth not. Yea, there is plenty for all. But it is not distributed and among the one-third who have most there is much foliage of pride and waste but little fruitage of the spirit. Then did the prophet remember the saying of the Master, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom." Also he remembered the prayer of the deacon concerning the prophet, "Lord, you keep him humble and we will keep him poor."

LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

After serving for 30 years as president of Louisiana Baptist College, Dr. C. Cottingham has resigned to become president of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Rushton, Louisiana. . . . Dr. M. E. Dodd has just completed 30 years with the First Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, building the church from 582 members to 4,854, with total annual giving of more than $100,000. . . . Rev. Abner J. Davies has begun his 40th year as pastor of the First Church, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. . . .

And Dr. Wallace Bassett has just celebrated his 24th anniversary with the Cliff Temple church, Dallas, Texas, during which time the church has grown from 1,000 members to more than 5,000. . . . Rev. Edward W. Rimpo has been with the Union Avenue Church, Paterson, New Jersey, for 21 years. . . . Dr. Henry W. Tiffany has served the Park Place Church, Norfolk, Virginia, for 11 years, during which time the entire indebtedness of $45,000 has been paid. . . . The Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, celebrated Pastor W. Marshall Craig's 14th anniversary by giving him a new Dodge car. . . . The First Church Charlottesville, Virginia, has just celebrated the 12th anniversary of Dr. Henry Alford Porter. . . .

Also Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus has been with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Convention as missionary among the Jews for 20 years. During this time he has averaged preaching once a day and is the author of many contributions to the Jewish work. . . . The Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, was glad the other day to give proper recognition to Dr. James F. Wells, 84, who has served the institution for 40 years. . . . Schauffer College of Religious and Social Work, Cleveland, announces the resignation of President Raymond G. Clapp after 17 years of service. Dr. Earl Vinie of Springfield, Massachusetts, will assume the position September 1. . . . and Dr. Clifton H. Walcott has just celebrated his 15th anniversary with the First Church, Nebraska.

And Dr. Howard P. Whidden has served as chancellor of McMaster University, Canada, for 18 years and will retire at the close of this academic year. . . . Rev. E. C. Stevens has begun his 26th year as pastor of the Clifton Church, Louisville, Kentucky. . . . And after 20 years with the Bethel Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Rev. Gomer Evans has resigned. . . .

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I am a soldier in the U. S. Army in the Panama Canal Dept. I belong to the Headquarters & Headquarters Battery of the First Coast Artillery, Ft. Sherman, C.Z. Came down here in August 29, 1939, and have until August 21, 1941, to do, then a piece to do in the States.

Have been reading your March, 1941, issue and was interested in seeing the church's progress. I am a member of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, of which Rev. J. S. Jones is the present pastor. For years I have been studying in the work of the Church and intend to become a minister one of these days. I would like your opinion as to a choice of school. My one purpose in joining the Army at first was to be able to finance myself. It takes that, you know. I have seen and know the ways men treat religion in the Army and it seems to me to be mockery. Let's pray that chaplains will soon be able to furnish a better and more efficient program to the men.

I am but a far cry from the U. S. but I do ask your sincere prayers for Panama, U. S. Army men, and personal prayers. God guide and direct your progress. I am,

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Unique skill is revealed in the way verses of scripture are related to the subject discussed. We read, "In an age when the world appears to be on the verge of falling apart as a result of greed, fear, and war: when we look for hope and there seems to be none; and when we look for peace, and it seems to elude us; when we have lost hope, become pessimistic and even cynical, it is well to recall the magnificent faith of Isaiah, that a great king of Judah may be wrapped in the folds of death, but God lives on, filling the whole earth with his glory, cleansing the hearts of men until their iniquity is taken away, and calling them to a high duty." The entire book is written in this delightful style.

Church school teachers, and Bible students will find this an invaluable text. It offers insight into neglected passages of scripture, and makes to live verses that have often been ignored. Ministers will discover suggestions for numerous sermons. Christians will find their faith strengthened by the reading of such chapters as, "The Bible and Human Nature," and "The Bible and the Building of a Life Philosophy."

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Beginning with Eve and concluding with Mary Magdalene, Morton writes about 23 women of the Bible, as if he were writing about living characters. There is little homiletic value in this portrait gallery. It is doubtful if sufficient material could be found to suggest a sermon on any of the characters reviewed, but this is not the purpose of the book. The volume is written to stress the "common humanity" and modernness of women of another era. The Bible women did live, and live today. They are not obscure characters. "The change, the inventions, the fashions which are the keynote of our time, are perhaps apt to make us forget that men and women have not changed much since the age of Genesis. . . . Most of us have had the opportunity of studying the women of the Bible in our own families, or among the ranks of our friends and acquaintances.

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BOOK REVIEWS

The Rise of the Social Gospel in American Protestantism. By Charles H. Hopkins. Yale University Press. $3.00.

The social gospel movement represents America's attempt to deal redemptively with the burning issues of a complex industrial society. The author traces the history of the movement from the Civil War to the first World War, and discusses the causes for its development. In the main he discovers four influences which have shaped the philosophy, motivation, and methodolgy of social gospellers. These are: 1. Orthodox Protestantism with its emphasis upon Reform. 2. The heritage of an older evangelicalism and its emphasis on the Kingdom of Christ. 3. Enlightened conservatism which espoused modern cultural attitudes and techniques. 4. The ideology of American Unitarianism with its emphasis upon the immanence of God, the potentialities of human nature, and the ethical character of Jesus' teachings. Hopkins contends that basically the insights of the social gospel have been incorporated into the platforms of the major American denominations. The Federal Council of Churches represents "the climax of the official recognition of social Christianity," while the Oxford Conference report on "The Church and Economic Order" embodies the principles representative of "the essential genius of the social gospel."

The Meaning of Revelation. By H. Richard Niebuhr. Macmillan. 196 pp. $2.00.

While giving to historical relativism its dues, and while recognizing the limitations of all human thought systems, the writer is convinced that "theology has been taught by many sad experiences that the only point of view from which the God of Christian faith may be understood is that of Christian faith itself." This insight, of necessity, leads to the con-

sional method in stating the meaning, nificance, and scope of divine revela- n. He who speaks about Christian th and revelation must come under its vereign sway. Hence it is impossible assume the role of spectator in view of s revelation: neutrality and uncom- ttedness are only possible when men e in the shadow of grave delusions ncerning God's ultimate reality. Chris- n leaders will find the reading of this ok profitable and provocative.

Psychology, Psychotherapy and Evan- licalism. By J. G. McKenzie. 238 pp. .75.

The author contends that, not a new igion but, a new theology is needed— heology which is not cast in scholastic oulds, but one based on psychology. In der to have a proper understanding of angelical experiences and doctrines one ust comprehend particular types of re- ious experiences and understand their gnificance. He frankly acknowledges the mitations of psychology, for "in no labo- ttory can we reproduce the situation in hich a man is experiencing the impact the Holy Spirit. Although the psy- ologist can pass no valid opinion upon e theological concept of sin he can ob- rve and analyze the division of the mind hich the sinful tendencies create." After careful and intelligent defining of the rms, psychology, psychotherapy, and vangelicalism he studies their relation- hip one to another, and to fundamental hristian truths. Salvation, conversion, uilt, sin, forgiveness, and atonement are iscussed in the light of psychology and ot theology. The entire approach is rev- rent; and the Bible, God, and Holy pirit are given due recognition. The ook is heavy reading, but exceedingly efreshing to the mind. It is invaluable o the minister who wants a standard ork on the subject.

How Shall I Say It? By Ross H. tover. Muhlenberg Press. 176 pp. $1.00.

The author was formerly a teacher of usic and elocution, and is now pastor f Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadel- hia, and professor of Public Speaking, emple University School of Theology. He is well qualified to write this import- nt book.

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Baptist News in the Nation's Capital

COMING EVENTS

May 28. *Semi-Annual Meeting*, District of Columbia Baptist Convention to be held in the Congress Heights Church. Program will be found elsewhere in the paper.

June 2. *Sunday School Superintendents' Association* to be held in the Chevy Chase Baptist Church. Dr. Jos. T. Watts, General Secretary of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, will be the speaker.

June 2-8. *Youth Week* at the National Baptist Memorial Church at which time the young people of the Training Unions will have the responsibility as Junior Officers of the church.

June 7-9. *Woman's Missionary Association's House Party* at Westminster, Md. An account of the speakers, registration, etc., will be found elsewhere on Washington pages.

June 9. *Baptist Student Union Bible Discussion Group* will hold its regular meeting in the First Baptist Church. Attendance at the last meeting was 126, a little less than the average during the winter season.

June 10. *Baptist Bible School Commencement* will be in the Grace Baptist Church. A dinner is to be served as six o'clock, and Dr. Rufus W. Weaver will deliver the address.

June 16. *The Columbia Federation of B.Y.P.U.* will have its installation of new officers, and the Court of Review awards will be presented. Place to be announced.

June 23. *Bible Discussion Group* of the Baptist Student Union meets in the First Baptist Church.

June 23-29. *Youth Revival.*

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In the past year the capacity of the building has been doubled at the Wilson Avenue Baptist Church. All but $82 of the labor was donated and some of the materials. The church has shown itself Christ-centered by carrying on finely while the pastor, Rev. Chas. H. Rickman, was absent for six Sundays due to illness. Recently $500 was donated to cut an old mortgage down to $400. Also some $350 additional has been donated to finish the work begun. All missionary offerings are paid to date. Five people await the hand of fellowship, and the congregations are constantly increasing. It is a common experience for strangers to remark, "How friendly that church is." Come visit us. Charles H. Rickman.

DR. ABERNETHY TO RETIRE

Dr. W. S. Abernethy announced his retirement as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church effective December 31, 1941, on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary, Sunday, May 4, 1941. "The demands of a church of the size and importance of Calvary must have of necessity taken something from a man. But, if these years have taken their toll they have given back far more and I shall hold ever in grateful remembrance all that they have meant to me," Dr. Abernethy said in presenting his resignation.

"It is not my intention to assume another pastorate but I am not going to stop preaching. I shall be here and there rendering assistance to my brother pastors as occasions may arise," Dr. Abernethy said. "Mrs. Abernethy and I will return to Washington after a vacation to live. We intend to keep our membership among the more than 3,500 others of Calvary Church."

During his two decades in Washington, Dr. Abernethy has figured prominently in many religious and civic activities. He is former president of the Washington Federation of Churches, Washington Ministerial Union, and is the first vice-president of the D. C. Baptist Convention. He also is past president of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Home Missionary Society, and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and is an active member of the Public Relations Committee of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions.

In an interview in his study following his announcement. Dr. Abernethy said that one of the joys of his years here has been the growing spirit of interdenominational and interfaith cooperation. His downtown church, one of the city's largest religious buildings, is a meeting place for people of all denominations.

Before coming to Washington, Dr. Abernethy served for nine years as pastor in Kansas City. Previously, he occupied a pulpit in Berwyn, Illinois, for 13 years.

Of his and Mrs. Abernethy's three children, one is the Rev. Bradford S. Abernethy, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, Missouri; another is Dr. Theodore J. Abernethy, Washington physician, and the other Robert W. Abernethy, who died several years ago.

THE WOMEN'S HOUSE PARTY

By Mrs. H. A. Elmore

Aren't you thrilled at the thought of spending a few days in one of the most beautiful spots anywhere near Washington? Are you going to the House Party? Where? When? Who are to be there? These are the questions now being asked by the women of our Baptist churches. Our dream of a House Party for the Woman's Baptist Missionary Association is at last coming true.

Where? At Western Maryland College. Westminster, Maryland. When? Next June, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, the 7th, 8th, and 9th.

The place is inviting; the program is really wonderful. The activities begin Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with conference by all committee chairmen—Stewardship, Prayer, White Cross, Personal Service, Young People's Work, and a special conference of all of the missionary society class in methods conducted by Miss Janet presidents. These will be followed by a class in methods conducted by Miss Janet McKay. The speakers and guests will be introduced at the dinner on Saturday evening by the President, Mrs. J. G. Yaden, the presiding officer at the different sessions. Mrs. Blanche White, W. M. U. corresponding secretary, Richmond, Virginia, will be the principal speaker at the Saturday evening dinner.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Mrs. Stephen Lesher, devotional chairman, will be the speaker representing Northern Baptists and will bring one of her beautiful messages. On Sunday afternoon messages will be heard from missionaries of home and foreign fields. Dr. Beatrice Lee of Swatow, China will speak for our foreign missionaries. The home missionary will be Miss Vena Aqualard, Louisiana. The music is in charge of Mrs. Malcolm Scates. Dr. Anna Degenring and Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, president of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society will also be present. The Sunday School lesson will be taught by Mrs. Carlton Long. There will be morning worship and vesper services. The program is being arranged by Mrs. George A. Ross. The registrar is Mrs. J. Day Torrey, 1000 South Carolina Avenue, S.E. Registration fee, $1.00. Entire cost of House Party, excluding transportation $6.00. Register as soon as possible. Consult Mrs. Francis Browne, 1501 Farragut Street, N.W., for transportation. For other information call Mrs. H. A. Elmore, 2343 Que Street, S.E.

NATIONAL BAPTIST TO DEDICATE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

The National Baptist Memorial Church plans to dedicate its new Bible School Building on June 15, 1941. Representatives of the Northern and Southern Conventions will take part, including Dr. Lemuel Wesley Smith, executive secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society of the Northern Convention, and U. T. Luther Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Convention. The new building joins the Memorial structure and thus practically completes the structural plans begun by both Conventions in 1917. Baptists of America thus will have a beautiful memorial, equipped not only for worship but for teaching and training in the nation's capital. This last unit is costing something over $130,000.

According to plans now entry into the new building will begin at ten o'clock in the morning, led by Bible School Superintendent L. Ray Torpy. Dr. Smith will address the morning congregation. The Baptist Training Union under the leadership of Director Donald W. Sawtelle is planning appropriate dedication services for its officers at the evening hour, at which time Dr. Holcomb will preach.

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BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH DEBT RAISING CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, May 4, the Brookland Baptist Church launched a Debt Reduction Program, scheduled to cover a five-year period. The plan is to complete the purchase of the present Sunday School unit of the Lord Memorial Sunday School Building—erected in 1928 at a total cost of $227,000, including land and equipment. Up to the beginning of this program the church has been able to retire $158,000 of this amount, leaving an approximate indebtedness of $69,000.

The total indebtedness has been divided into $100 shares. One share subscribed would mean $20 a year for the five-year period, to be paid weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Believing that all will want to participate, and that some will not be able to take a full share, there will be units of $75, $50, and $25, and a Junior unit of $10 for the boys and girls, thus making possible a plan of participation for every person.

All gifts made on this program are "over and above" our regular offering. Our regular work must go on. This gift is a Biblical Love Offering.

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CHEVY CHASE BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING PLANS

The Chevy Chase Baptist Church through its architect, Mr. E. Burton Corning, has completed plans and specifications for the new church edifice and wing addition and submitted them to several reliable building firms for estimates. The low estimate, which was over $100,000 is now being reduced somewhat by modifications in the specifications. It is hoped that the D.C. Baptist Convention will be able to assist the church to some extent in financing the new church building; the remainder will be covered by a first trust upon the church buildings and property and by cash now in hand. The church as now planned will be of brick construction in colonial design and will seat approximately 550. Later if side galleries are added the total seating capacity will be about 800. A large lower auditorium with stage, kitchen and other rooms will be available for Church School uses. A meeting of the church to consider the matter will be held in the near future. Dr. Henry E. Tralle has served as building consultant, Mr. Harold E. Burton is chairman of the Building Committee. Rev. Edward O. Clark is pastor.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD.

The past year has been one of steady growth in every department. During the year, April 1, 1939—March 31, 1940, we have added thirty-six to our church membership, and since January, 1941, we have added fifteen by baptism, four by letter and two by experience. Our Sunday Shool has shown splendid growth. A number of scholars have been received into the church by baptism. Our Ladies' Aid Society is rendering excellent service to the church, and working faithfully for the advancement of His Kingdom. The attendance and interest in our Sunday School continues to grow. For the year practically every Sunday's attendance exceeded that of the corresponding Sunday of the previous year. The regular church services have also increased in numbers attending, and in interest manifested. Many new residents are coming into the community, and we have larger opportunities than ever before in extending the influence of the Church. To our pastor, Rev. Steven W. Cranston, who has been with us for the past three years, is due much of the success of our work.

BOORDE ON SPEAKING TOUR

Rev. Thomas E. Boorde, pastor of the Anacostia Baptist Church, and president of the General Welfare Federation of America, will leave Washington, June 16, on a speaking tour in the interest of The National Pension Organization. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Boorde.

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REV. EDMUND C. TULL RESIGNS

The Rev. Edmund C. Tull, pastor of the Ericson Memorial Baptist Church for the past four years, resigned on May 6. During his pastorate his membership was doubled, the debt on the church has been liquidated, many improvements have been made, and many new organizations set up. Mr. Tull will remain in Washington through the summer.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORK

The Sunday School Superintendents' Association secured the services of Miss Lucille Hudgins, an accredited state worker from Virginia, who has specialized in Vacation Bible School Work, to conduct an intensive Training Course, May 5-8, for prospective workers in the schools this summer. The first meeting was held concurrently with our superintendents' monthly meeting. Thirty-seven workers, superintendents and pastors attended the first meeting, at Second Baptist Church, while 24 attended each of the other meetings which were held at the National Baptist Memorial Church. Approximately 10 schools were represented each night after the first. Miss Hudgins conducted a typical Vacation Bible School Session, displayed handwork, and much interest was shown when the workers asked questions and exchanged information and experiences. Many took examinations and will receive a certificate for the course. Pursell's Book Store cooperated by having a representative at the meetings with samples of texts, maps, charts and helps of various kinds. It is anticipated that there will be at least 10 or 12 Vacation Schools held this summer. Those interested who did not attend the course missed a blessing.

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The completion of $1,140 improvement debt on the Anacostia Baptist Sunday School was made possible by the payment of $370 on May 11. In addition the amount of $500 was paid on the church debt, leaving a balance of $850. The money has all been paid through sacrificial gifts and the donation of material, without any reduction in missionary gifts.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY WEST WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

A June event of special interest to District of Columbia and Maryland Baptists is the celebration of its 75th Anniversary by the West Washington Baptist Church, June 19, 1941. With traditions reaching back into old Georgetown history, this congregation was originally a missionary enterprise of the Maryland Union, and became later one of the five charter churches of the Columbia Association.

Plans already perfected contemplate an anniversary address by Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Penna., on the evening of the natal day, June 19. The anniversary week opens on Sunday morning, June 15, with a sermon by Rev. Cornelius C. Coleman, former pastor, 1901-1905, now pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. Another former pastor, Rev. William R. Flannagan, 1917-1922, of Onancock, Va., will preach from his old pulpit at the morning service, June 22.

West Washington's beginning dates back to 1866 when James Nelson, Maryland State missionary, with ten other charter members established the church at this headwater town on the Potomac River. Georgetown, founded fifty years before the Federal City, had deserved a Baptist church for many years. It required the courage and faith of a Nelson to launch the enterprise. It was the same beloved Nelson who later in Virginia founded the first state normal school at Farmville, and for many years was president of the Woman's College of Richmond.

West Washington now celebrates its progress through the years under such leaders as Beale, Truett, Thomas, Coleman, Stealey, Gaw, and Flannagan. The church has been influential in the Kingdom work of the District of Columbia Convention. Its present pastor, Rev. Charles B. Austin, now serving his 19th year, was President of the D. C. Baptist Convention for two years. Anticipating the anniversary event, the church has recently spent $5,000 in beautifying its auditorium and for other improvements.

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Marriage of Temple Pastor

The Rev. Lynn Gregory and Hilda Josephine Hess were married Friday, April 18 in the Temple Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Gregory is pastor. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Spark W. Melton, pastor of the Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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his explicit command from our risen reigning King comes down to us to-with all the authority and urgency it when it first fell from the lips of Lord. It has never been revoked. Christian soldier ignores or evades his own peril.

ur obedience of this command is the test of our love and loyalty to the one gave it. In his discourse to his iples the night before his crucifixion, is said: "If ye love me, keep my com-dments. . . . He that hath my com-dments and keepeth them, he it is loveth me. . . . Ye are my friends, e do whatsoever I command you." then our obedience to this last com-d of Jesus is the proof of our love Him. Measured in terms of our efforts to carry out these marching orders, how much do we love Him?

Remember, if Southern Baptists should fail to follow these orders, then will God raise up some other group to whom he can entrust the propagation of His Gospel, but what about us? We are reminded of Esther's tragic warning when she hesitated in the hour of her greatest opportunity. "Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, 'Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this' "—Esther 4:13, 14.

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Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, and recognized authority on radio and its practical application in the realm of religion, will contribute his first article in the July issue.

Here are the subjects to be presented:

1. **Radio in Baptist Sunday Schools.**
2. **Fred Eastman Searches for Drama.**
3. **What Radio Might Have Done for the Baptist Conventions.**

Every Baptist minister in America, and all Baptist leaders, should follow this feature . . . of current and vital importance.

"A Good Deed Shines"

The cherishing of the memory of good men and good women is a duty often neglected. Those meriting special appreciation are the men and women who, seeing a need unobserved by others, direct attention to this need and arouse interest in meeting it. The opening of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church called attention to the far-sightedness of Amos Kendall, distinguished statesman, generous-hearted philanthropist, and a Christian who interested himself in causes that others hardly regarded.

The property and the attractive building in which the members of the Luther Rice Memorial Church now worship were made possible through the assistance of the trustees of the Amos Kendall Mission Fund, who has loaned without interest $37,000 to the newly formed church. This fund was established by Amos Kendall over seventy-five years ago for the founding of Sunday School Missions, that might grow into self-supporting churches. Amos Kendall did much in aiding S. B. Morse, who invented the telegraph. Altogether he gave $105,000 toward the building of the Calvary Baptist Church. He established a scholarship in Columbian College which still affords a free tuition in the Washington high schools to the one who stands highest in the entrance examinations. He was keenly interested in the training of the deaf, gave a house and land for the establishing of the Columbia Institute for the Deaf, persuaded Dr. Gallaudet to come to Washington to head this Institution. The campus of Gallaudet College is called Kendall Green.

The Calvary Baptist Church, of which he was a member has, since 1885 sought to meet the spiritual needs of the d mutes in Washington. For many ye the late and beloved A. D. Bryant serv as pastor of this group, belonging to a meeting in the Calvary Baptist Chur Since home-going of Rev. Mr. Brya Prof. Harley D. Drake, a member the faculty of Gallaudet College, a vout layman, has been conducting services, assisted by another member the Gallaudet faculty, Mrs. Ellen Stewa The service—readings, responses, prayc and singing—are in the sign language the deaf. Every Sunday evening t unique, heart-moving, and inspiring se ice of worship is held. More than belong to the group. An impress number have been led to Christ and ha been baptized.

Thinking of Amos Kendall and good deeds, the verdict is, "the light s shines."

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In the Round Tower

By E. H. Martinson

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A wondrous Lover dwells,
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In the round tower of my heart
His purities impose
Restraints all lower instincts thwart,
And bid all hurts and fears depart,
And heaven's peace disclose!

In the round tower of my heart
A roseate glory glows,
Because His shining graces start
Celestial impacts that impart
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